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Nothing Personal

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, a favorite of Christian conservatives and anti-tax Tea Party activists, kicks off her presidential campaign today in Iowa where she hopes home field advantage will give her an early edge among Republicans seeking to challenge President Barack Obama. Bachmann, a three-term congresswoman from neighboring Minnesota, plans to hold a rally in Wa-



In this photo released by CBS News Sunday, June 26, 2011, shows Republican presidential candidate, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., speaking on CBS's "Face the Nation" in Washington. Bachmann said Sunday her bid to unseat President Barack Obama shouldn't be viewed as "anything personal" against the Democrat. (AP Photo/CBS, Chris Usher)

terloo, Iowa, her birthplace. The Iowa Poll released Saturday night by The Des Moines Register showed her in a statistical tie with perceived Republican front-runner, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, among likely caucus-goers. In an interview with The Associated Press on the eve of her entry in the 2012 Republican presidential race, Bachmann pulled her punches somewhat in attacking Obama. "I don't have anything personal about our president. But he's just wrong."

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2011 PWA Aruba Hi-Winds Grand Slam

Dunkerbeck & Offringa crowned on Aruba



Aruban Pro Windsurfer Sarah-Quita Offringa wins the PWA Aruba Hi-Winds Grand Slam woman's division and former World Champion Bjorn Dunkerbeck wins the men's division.

FISHERMAN'S HUTS — Last night, the Honorable Minister of Health and Sports Dr. Richard Visser crowned the winners of the PWA Aruba Hi-Winds Grand Slam at the Fisherman's Huts. Local heroine Sarah-Quita Offringa and the legendary Bjorn Dunkerbeck sailed away with the event crowns. Nei-

ther Offringa nor Dunkerbeck came into yesterday's races as leaders, but after some fine sailing, they turned the tables in their favors. The tension on the beach could be cut with a knife as the sailors entered the final day of competition, race director Juan Anto-

inio Aragon announced at the skippers meeting that elimination seven would be completed and only one more race would be sailed after that. With the trusty trade wind's kicking in around 10:30am, the action picked up with heats one and two of the women's elimination seven.

Photos by John Carter

Karin Jaggi (Patrik / Severne) and Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Gaastra / Mystic) began the day with very little between their scores; both sailors knew they had to be on top form to emerge victorious in Aruba.

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Floods breach Nebraska nuclear plant

**JOSH FUNK
TIMBERLY ROSS
Associated Press
BROWNVILLE, Nebraska
(AP)** — A berm holding the flooded Missouri River back from a Nebraska nuclear power station collapsed early Sunday, but federal regulators said they were monitoring the situation and there was no danger. The Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station shut down in early April for refueling, and there is no water inside the plant, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said. Also, the river is not expected to rise higher than the level the plant was designed to handle. NRC spokesman Victor Dricks said the plant remains safe. The federal commission had inspectors at the plant 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Omaha when the 2,000-

foot (610-meter) berm collapsed about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Water surrounded the auxiliary and containment

buildings at the plant, it said in a statement. The Omaha Public Power District has said the com-

plex will not be reactivated until the flooding subsides. Its spokesman, Jeff Hanson, said the berm wasn't critical to protecting the plant but a crew will look at whether it can be patched. "That was an additional layer of protection we put in," Hanson said. The berm's collapse didn't affect the reactor shutdown cooling or the spent fuel pool cooling, but the power supply was cut after water surrounded the main electrical transformers, the NRC said. Emergency generators powered the plant until an off-site power supply was connected Sunday afternoon, according to OPD. NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko said the loss of the berm at Fort Calhoun nuclear plant doesn't threaten the safety of the plant. □



A figure of a worker, part of the Monument to Labor statue by Matthew Placzek, juts out of the rising waters of the Missouri River at Omaha's Lewis & Clark Landing in Omaha, Neb., Sunday, June 26, 2011. A berm holding the flooded Missouri River back from Nebraska's Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station collapsed Sunday, but federal regulators said they were monitoring the situation. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

Bachmann kicks off presidential campaign today in Iowa

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But his policy prescriptions have been wrong."

The nothing-personal message was a departure from her 2008 comments questioning whether Obama had "anti-American" views. She has said she wishes she framed her criticism differently.

In an appearance Sunday on CBS television's "Face the Nation," Bachmann said she found the poll results gratifying but noted that the race for the nomination was just beginning.

The poll showed Romney with 23 percent support and Bachmann with 22 percent among those who said they were likely to vote in the nation's first Republican nomination contest.

They were followed by former pizza chain CEO Herman Cain, another Tea Party favorite, with 10 percent; former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and libertarian-leaning Rep. Ron Paul of

Texas with 7 percent each, and former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty with 6 percent.

The results are based on

ror of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

On the eve of her campaign launch, Bachmann staked out positions in the



U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., waves to the crowd during a welcome home event in her hometown of Waterloo, Iowa Sunday, June 26, 2011. Bachmann said Sunday her bid to unseat President Barack Obama shouldn't be viewed as "anything personal" against the Democrat.

(AP Photo/Charlie Ried)

telephone interviews with 400 likely Republican Iowa caucus-goers from June 19 to 22. It has a margin of er-

CBS interview certain to appeal to the Tea Party movement which supports sharp reductions in government

spending and opposes tax increases.

Bachmann said "scare tactics" are being used by those warning of an economic calamity unless Congress raises the government's borrowing limit by an Aug. 2 deadline. She said the U.S. could avoid a default by paying only the interest on U.S. obligations while lawmakers work on a deal to cut spending dramatically as part of a new debt ceiling.

Such an approach has been derided as unworkable by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

Obama planned separate meetings Monday with Senate leaders as negotiations on trimming spending and raising the debt ceiling moved into a new stage. Talks among lawmakers of both parties ended last week when Democrats and Republicans reached an impasse over whether there should be any role for additional revenue in reducing the deficit.

Officials say the nation's borrowing will exceed its \$14.3 trillion limit on Aug. 2 and that economic shockwaves around the world would result from the first financial default in U.S. history.

"It isn't true that the government would default on its debt," Bachmann said on CBS. She later added, "It is scare tactics."

Geithner, she said, "can very simply pay the interest on the debt first, then we're not in default."

Geithner has dismissed the idea that the U.S. could avoid a default by just paying the interest on the national debt and picking which bills to pay, contending that even trying to do so would roil financial markets and make it more expensive to finance what the government does owe.

Bachmann said she wasn't willing to allow the government to keep borrowing money and putting the country into a worse state. □



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In Minot, flood waters stop rising

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MINOT, N.D. — The flooded Souris River stopped rising Sunday after spreading across much of this city's downtown, submerging homes up to the roofs, and displacing more than a quarter of the population. The river, known locally as the Mouse, after its French name, reached 1561.72 feet above sea level in the early morning, topping the 130-year-old record by almost four feet, according to the National Weather Service. The crest, which was expected to last through much of the day, was about two feet below earlier predictions.

"We're looking for better days ahead," said Dean Frantsvog, the president of the city council. "Hopefully sooner rather than later." The river remains wide and destructive. As it presses through low lying city neighborhoods and many other smaller communities along its winding banks as it loops down from Canada, officials are still working to protect critical infrastructure, such as the few remaining bridges, while shoring up the emergency levees keeping parts of the

city dry. ut it may be weeks before the river retreats enough for residents to see

Scheck, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "Its going to very

sor at Minot State University, looked down her street Sunday — a block from

ies along the Missouri River continue to battle high waters. The Associated Press reported that residents of Oacoma, in central South Dakota, were bracing for flooding as the Missouri River continued to climb.

Further south, parts of eastern Nebraska received more than two inches of rain on Saturday, sending more water into rivers and streams that feed the Missouri. The river at Omaha remains almost six feet above flood stage, the National Weather Service reported.

Officials in Harrison County, Iowa, which is north of Omaha, were also dealing with a levee breach, which comes as the Army Corps of Engineers has begun to release more water from dams upstream. And Interstate 29 south of Sioux City has closed for a time to allow the construction of a levee, according to media reports.

In Kansas, AP reported that Gov. Sam Brownback's office had been told that federal emergency declarations have been issued for Doniphan, Atchison, Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties because of the flooding. □



Homes are nearly submerged under floodwaters after the Souris River overflowed its levees, in Minot, N.D. The floodwaters climbed to levels never before recorded in this city on Friday, pouring over protective barriers and into the low-lying city neighborhoods.

(Rich Addicks/The New York Times)

what damage lies beneath the muddy waters. The river is controlled by a series of dams that have been unable to cope with record rain and snowmelt. "It's not going to drop as quickly as it came up," said Joshua

slowly come down." Nevertheless, after weeks of escalating estimates, many in the city were breathing a sigh of relief that the river was poised to begin that retreat.

Charlene Bruley, a profes-

her house the water had reached the street signs; a block further it lapped at rooftops. "I'm feeling lucky," she said. "I'm the last house that doesn't have water."

To the south, towns and cit-

Behavior at lunch may play key role in DSK trial

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NEW YORK — Dominique Strauss-Kahn was running late.

A street fair had shut down a stretch of Avenue of the Americas between his Midtown hotel and the restaurant where he was due for lunch. Stuck in traffic, he called his daughter, Camille, from a taxi to tell her he was on his way; she should go ahead and order for him, he said. Once he arrived, they had fish and shared a chilled bottle of white wine.

The lunch that Saturday afternoon, in a wood-paneled seafood restaurant eight blocks from his hotel, began less than an hour after what prosecutors have charged was his sexual attack on a 32-year-old Guinean housekeeper who came to clean his suite. The account of the meal — its timing, its description and the events that immediately preceded it — is based on interviews with people briefed on an investigation undertaken on behalf of Strauss-Kahn's lawyers.

But many of the details of what has been uncovered by the Police Department and the office of the Manhattan district attorney,

Cyrus R. Vance Jr., which is prosecuting the case, have been closely held, and officials in both offices would not confirm or deny the ac-

ther and daughter in McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, less than an hour after the encounter with the housekeeper,



Dominique Strauss-Kahn had lunch at this restaurant, McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, after leaving his hotel on the day of his alleged sexual attack in New York, on June 6, 2011. Strauss-Kahn's defense believes the 90-minute lunch could figure prominently in the case.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

count's general outlines or the details.

The lunch, which lasted about 90 minutes, one of Strauss-Kahn's lawyers said at his bail hearing, could figure prominently in the case, which has already cost him his post as the managing director of the International Monetary Fund and his status as a leading contender for the French presidency.

Indeed, if one of several security cameras visible in the large restaurant captured the pair, the images of fa-

could serve as powerful circumstantial evidence. It could bolster the defense case if they laugh or appear to share a leisurely meal; it could support the prosecution if it shows the 62-year-old white-haired Frenchman looking distracted or upset.

Strauss-Kahn's lawyers, William W. Taylor III and Benjamin Brafman, have sought from prosecutors any video recordings, including anything from the restaurant on West 52nd Street near Avenue of the

Americas, the New York outpost of a nationwide chain. (The choice, perhaps incongruous for a man renting a town house listed for \$50,000 a month, was made by his daughter, according to the person familiar with the defense inquiry.)

But it is unclear whether the police and prosecutors have any recordings from the restaurant, and, if they do, what they show. Paul J. Browne, the Police Department's chief spokesman, and Erin Duggan, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, would not discuss the issue.

Tori Harms, a spokeswoman for the restaurant company, which is based in Portland, Ore., would not answer questions about the matter, saying in a brief statement only that "it is always our policy to cooperate fully with law enforcement authorities when matters or investigations involve our company" and that the company does not "discuss publicly details about any restaurant guest without his or her consent." What seems clear, however, is that along with the details of the encounter on May 14 — prosecutors say Strauss-Kahn ripped the woman's panty hose, tried to rape her and forced her to perform oral sex, while his lawyers say there is no evidence of force and suggest that any sex was consensual — both sides have focused on events later that day. At issue are Strauss-Kahn's movements in the hours between the incident, which prosecutors say occurred around noon, and when police detectives from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey lured him from his first-class seat on Air France.

Truck co. in train wreck had citations

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SPARKS, Nevada (AP) — A U.S. trucking company under scrutiny for a fiery crash with an Amtrak train that left at least six dead has been cited repeatedly by state authorities for crashes, unsafe driving and operating a truck with tires so bald the vehicle had to be taken off the road.

A driver working for John Davis Trucking Co. of Battle Mountain smashed through crossing gates and into two double-decker cars of an Amtrak train Friday, killing the driver and five people on the train.

Federal records reviews by The Associated Press on Sunday show the Nevada Department of Public Safety cited the company for two crashes in the last two years, including one in February 2010 that injured a person in Washoe County.

In a January inspection, authorities found tires on one company tractor-trailer so bald they deemed the rig an imminent hazard to public safety.

Meanwhile, Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Chuck Allen said Sunday that officials for the Churchill County Coroner Office continued to sift through the rubble of two rail cars gutted by the fire that burned extremely hot. He said they have asked at least one forensic anthropologist to assist them late Sunday or Monday.

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Tea party to come up with debt-cutting proposals

KATE ZERNIKE

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While the Tea Party movement has led the charge for cutting the national debt, its supporters have often struggled to explain how, exactly, they would do so.

Now some are out to change that, joining a Tea Party debt commission that plans to hold hearings over the summer, in the hopes of delivering recommendations to lawmakers by January.

The commission is being organized by FreedomWorks, the libertarian advocacy group that helped the Tea Party movement grow and mobilize for the midterm elections last fall. And its recommendations are likely to line up with the goals

of that group, which in turn tend to reflect those of libertarian organizations like the Cato Institute.

(FreedomWorks has worked

against environmental regulations and for increased privatization of health care.)

"We think, like with the first

days of the Tea Party movement, that the only way we will ever reduce the debt and balance the budget is if America beats Washington and Tea Party activists take over this process, take over the public debate and engage the American people in the hard work of making tough choices," said Matt Kibbe, vice president of FreedomWorks.

The group held training for about 150 activists from 30 states at its headquarters in Washington over the weekend, with sessions dedicated to educating them about the budget proposals by Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Rep. Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin, both Republicans with a strong embrace of libertarian economic principles. □



Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), left, and Matt Kibbe, president of FreedomWorks, during a Tea Party meeting on Capitol Hill, Washington. The Tea Party debt commission will hold hearings over the summer on how to deliver an ambitious program of reducing federal debt.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

Pride parades celebrate passage of gay marriage



City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, Governor Andrew Cuomo and Cuomo's girlfriend Sandra Lee, left to right, walk in the annual Heritage of Pride March, one of the world's oldest and largest gay pride parades, Sunday June 26, 2011, in New York. The parade became a victory celebration after New York's historic decision to legalize same-sex marriage on Friday.

(AP Photo/Diane Bondareff)

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NEW YORK (AP) — The floats were there, the music and dancing, too — all the usual staples of one of the world's oldest and largest gay pride parades.

But this year, something new joined the spectacle on the streets of New York

City: proposals and wedding plans.

New York's parade turned into a carnival-like celebration of same-sex marriage Sunday as hundreds of thousands of revelers rejoiced at the state's new law giving gay couples the same marital rights as everyone else.

"We've been waiting to get married in Central Park for years, and now we got here just in time for history to be made," said Bryce Croft who attended the festivities with her partner, Stephanie Croft.

The two women are not yet legally married although they share the same name, and they are in the process of moving to New York and getting married. They were in a Manhattan restaurant late Friday when they learned that the bill had passed.

"We cried over dinner, right into the mozzarella sticks," Stephanie Croft said, adding that they had already selected a spot in Central Park — the boulder she had marked with Bryce's name two years ago. After the two get settled, Bryce planned to seek a sex-change operation to become a man. □



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Murder trial has tourists drawn to central Florida

LIZETTE ALVAREZ

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ORLANDO, Fla. — By the time

Casey Anthony stepped into the courtroom here last week, her hair in a loose bun, the line of people outside determined to get a coveted ringside seat, with its close-up view of her, had swelled to 60. Heather Spaniol overcame her dread of planes and flew here from Las Vegas, driving straight from the airport to the courthouse to stand in line. Missing Anthony's trial was not an option. The killing of 2-year-old Caylee Marie Anthony had touched Spaniol, 33, so deeply that she applied to law school and hopes to fight for children's rights.

Marcia Frye of Texas, another fly-in who decided to spend her vacation at the trial, rattled off the latest courtroom goings-on like a seasoned legal expert, bouncing from an

assessment of the power of chloroform to the durability of duct tape — evi-

people," said Frye, 47, who works at an energy company in San Antonio and said

able hearing transcript. "I see them all the time." Never mind Walt Disney World or the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Anthony's trial at the Orange County Courthouse here, which began in early May, is this year's hot attraction, with courtroom passes going to the first 50 people hardy enough to withstand Florida's humidity for 10 hours at a time. Initial demand for seats led to overnight lines, which led to scuffles, which led to a few visits by the police.

Then nine days ago, after two men tried to cut in line, a brawl erupted and court administrators were forced to make changes. Now passes are handed out at 4 p.m. for the next day's session. But for the trial denizens who have stuck with the Anthony drama for three years, the wait is well worth the payoff: seeing Anthony wipe away the occasional tear, peering into the eyes of stone-faced jurors, experiencing firsthand the emotional intensity in the courtroom. The women in line (and they are mostly women) say they have been particularly moved by the sordid death of the adorable Caylee and the apparent callousness of Anthony, who prosecutors

say killed her child because she grew tired of motherhood and then failed to report the child missing for a month. And when she did contact the police, she blamed a never-to-be-located babysitter for kidnapping Caylee.

Like an extended clan of grieving relatives, the women in line want to see Caylee get her due.

"I've watched it for three years and have cried many, many tears for this little girl," Spaniol said. "All of us are here for Caylee." Nearby, Frye chimed in: "It's not so much a soap opera we are interested in. People want to know what happened. They want justice." If Anthony is acquitted, "the crowd will form a riot," she added. "I believe she is the most hated person in America."

The narrative of the case, about which reporters in the courtroom instantaneously post updates on Twitter and blogs, is familiar to many.

Anthony, who could face the death penalty if convicted, is accused of murdering her daughter in June 2008. Prosecutors say she killed Caylee by knocking her out with chloroform and wrapping her mouth and nose with duct tape. □



People wait in line for tickets to the trial of Casey Anthony, charged with killing her 2-year-old daughter, at the 9th Judicial Circuit Court in Orlando, Fla., June 22, 2011. Since the Anthony trial started some five weeks ago, spectators from around the country have lined up outside the courthouse each morning in hope to get tickets inside, creating some chaos and causing a court administrator to change the queuing system in response.

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dence that prosecutors say is linked to the murder. "I feel like I know these

she had read 95 percent of all the released depositions in the case and every avail-

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Afghan war aims change as intelligence shifts

KIMBERLY DOZIER

AP Intelligence Writer

KABUL/WASHINGTON (AP)

— Military intelligence officers were scrambling a year ago to collect and analyze the social, economic and tribal ins and outs of each valley and hamlet in Afghanistan.

This information wasn't the kind of secret or covert material many military intelligence specialists were used to.

But it was seen as crucial to helping commanders tell the good guys from the bad, learn what Afghans really needed from their government and undermine the Taliban-led insurgency by winning hearts and minds over time. Since last fall, top intelligence leaders in Afghanistan shifted their focus back to targeting the enemy in the more traditional way, by mapping their networks and analyzing what made the Taliban tick.

They didn't stop collecting the other information. But their goal now was helping tell commanders what they

needed to know to kill insurgents and drive the enemy to the negotiating table.

President Barack Obama

a gradual scaling back of American operations and ambitions in Afghanistan that's expected to empha-

ghanistan said.

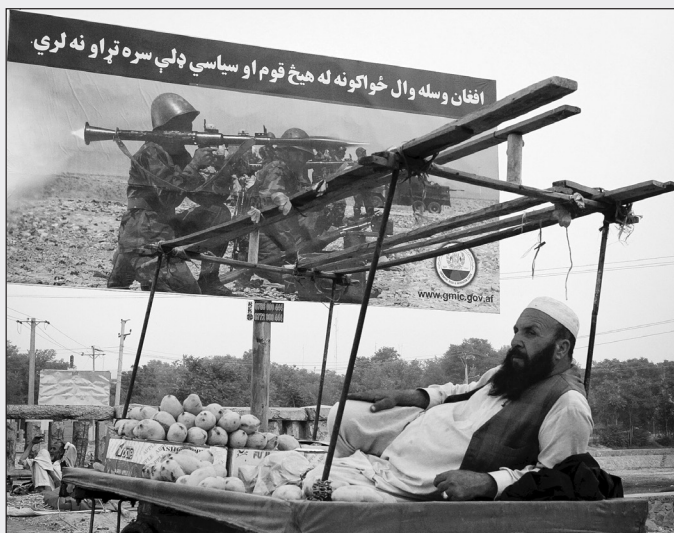
The White House has been frustrated by Afghanistan's corruption and the inability of President Hamid Karzai's government to provide competent officials to serve far-flung provinces. That has helped shrink U.S. goals, and the new bottom line is a government

Targeting insurgent leaders and their support networks is seen as an important part of the U.S. exit strategy.

The thinking is that Taliban leaders will be more ready for a deal if they feel threatened personally.

The U.S. has confirmed preliminary outreach to the Taliban, but Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said last week that fruitful talks probably are a long way off.

These developments come as the man in charge of military intelligence in Afghanistan, Maj. Gen. Steve Fogarty, has shifted his focus to how the U.S. gathers social, economic and tribal data, and how troops are getting access to it. □



An Afghan man selling mangos waits for costumers, as a military billboard is seen in the background reading "The Afghan soldiers has no related to any ethnic and political groups" in Kabul, Afghanistan on Sunday, June. 26, 2011.

(AP Photo/Ahmad Nazar)

said Wednesday that the United States will start bringing home U.S. troops next month.

His announcement is part of

size raids over governance, making tracking Afghan culture and bolstering the government less important, three current officials in Af-

8 year-old Afghan girl tricked into bombing

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Insurgents tricked an 8-year-old girl in a remote area of central Afghanistan into carrying a bomb wrapped in a cloth and then detonated the bomb remotely when she was close to a police vehicle, the Afghan authorities said Sunday.

Only the girl was killed in the blast, which occurred in Uwshi Village of Charchino District, said Fazal Ahmad

Shirzad, the police chief of Uruzguan province. Shirzad said he believed that the girl was completely unaware that the bag that she had been given by Taliban insurgents held a bomb. The girl's body was later "taken to a nearby security check post and the police called her relatives," he said. In Logar province in southeastern Afghanistan, the death toll in the bombing that occurred Saturday at a hospital in a small town rose

to 37 as people who were severely injured by the blast died, said Mohammed Zarif Naibkhail, the director of public health for the province. Another 53 people were injured. "The casualties are actually way higher than that but the local villagers rushed to the hospital right after the explosion and took the bodies of their relatives to their own villages," he said. In other parts of the country, four NATO soldiers were killed. □

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New cracks in Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood

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CAIRO (AP) — Several members of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, including a prominent senior figure, broke off to form a new political party Sunday, exposing further cracks in the influential Islamic group that is expected to be the most formidable contender in Egypt's upcoming elections. The Brotherhood was the most powerful and organized opposition party before President Hosni Mubarak was ousted Feb. 11 in a popular uprising. It is expected to win big in parliamentary elections set for September. But the movement also faces new challenges in post-rev-

olutionary Egypt, where the new political openness is taking a toll on the venerable Islamist group. Several factions — most recently several young members — have already broken away to form new parties to rival to the Brotherhood's main Freedom and Justice Party. The Brotherhood is worried enough by the splinter movements that it has threatened to expel members who join competing parties and threw out a leading member who decided to run for president on his own. The latest breakaway party is spearheaded by members of the Brotherhood's so-called "re-

formist" camp, which announced Sunday they were forming a separate bloc called al-Riyada, Arabic for The Pioneers. The new party views Is-

lam as the foundation of Egyptian culture, but not its politics, said Khaled Dawoud, a senior Brotherhood figure now spearheading al-Riyada. □



Egyptian members of families of people killed by security forces during the revolution hold a protest calling for the speedy trial of former President Hosni Mubarak and former interior minister Habib el-Adly in front of the National TV building in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, June 26, 2011.
(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

Nigeria:

25 killed in 3 separate bomb attacks in north

NJADVABA MUSA,
Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — Men riding motorcycles threw bombs into outdoor beer gardens Sunday night in northeastern Nigeria, killing at least 25 people in attacks bearing striking similarities to others carried out by a radical Islamic sect in the region, police said. The bombs exploded in the restive city of Maiduguri, home to the sect known locally as Boko Haram. While the sect did not immediately claim responsibility for the attack late Sunday, the assault bore the hallmarks of the group now waging assassinations and attacks against the Nigerian government.

The bombs exploded around 5 p.m. at several outdoor beer gardens in Maiduguri, which is about 540 miles (870 kilometers) from Nigeria's capital, Abuja. Borno state, where Maiduguri is the capital, is under Muslim Shariah law, but several outdoor beer gardens exist. Lawal Abdullahi, a spokesman for the federal Nigeria Police Force, said the bombs struck at least three beer parlors in the state. Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is sacrilege" in the local Hausa language, wants the implementation of strict Shariah law across Nigeria's north. □

Venezuela: Cardinal urges inmates to end prison revolt

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The Roman Catholic Church's top representative in Venezuela urged inmates on Sunday to end a revolt at a prison that has lasted more than a week.

"They should put down their weapons,"

Cardinal Jorge Urosa said. Urosa told Union Radio that authorities must guarantee human rights at El Rodeo II prison in the city of Guatire, just outside the capital of Caracas.

Armed inmates have repelled efforts by National Guard troops to retake control of the prison.

Prisoners and troops have engaged in sporadic gunbattles since the military launched a weapons search June 17 at the adjacent El Rodeo I prison.

One inmate and two soldiers have died in the violence and at least 20 troops suffered wounds, officials say.

Inmates claim several fellow prisoners have also suffered injuries and urgently require medical treatment.

Venezuela's 30 prisons were built to house 12,500 inmates, but hold about 49,000, says the Venezuelan Prisons Observatory, a group that monitors prison conditions.

Last year, 476 people died and 967 were injured in prison violence, according to figures compiled by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. □

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In Uganda, personal rivalry is played out publicly

JOSH KRON

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KAMPALA, Uganda — Like many war stories, this one began with love.

Before the tear gas and street riots, the violent arrests and hospital visits, Yoweri Museveni and Kizza Besigye were close friends, a future president and the doctor to whom he entrusted his life. They fought together to free their country from dictatorship.

Some say they even fell for the same woman.

Now, as Uganda undergoes its most raucous political convulsion in years, with broad-based demonstrations and dissenting officials testing Museveni's 25-year hold on power, the passions from a feud that began long ago between the friends are playing out on the national stage.

Unlike the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia, which were borne of popular uprisings, the protest movement in Uganda has been driven by a single man, Besigye, who may know the president — and how to get under his skin — better than any politician.

Besigye did not light himself on fire, like the Tunisian man who set in motion the Arab Spring, or take up arms like the rebels in Libya. Instead, after losing badly to the president in yet another election — he has run the last three times — Besigye simply said he was going to walk to his office, rather than use his car, to protest rising commodity prices and corruption.

The resulting demonstrations were meek — Besigye was practically alone on the first day — but Museveni's government responded with overwhelming force, eventually locking up hundreds of opposition supporters, killing others and at times using tear gas and water cannon to disperse as few as six protesters at a time. With each clampdown, the protests became larger, fueled by outrage over the repression. Besigye, once seen as a political dud, was suddenly credited as an alchemist, and Museveni, long seen by the United States as a liberal ally, exhibited a more draconian side.

The protests have since fizzled, but the political row has not. Opposition lawmakers boycotted the president's recent inaugural address, Besigye has appeared in court on numerous charges, and the police remain heavily deployed. Many have wondered why the president would inflate such a seemingly insipid challenge.

His critics, some of whom were once close to him, say this is the real Museveni, an arrogant and at times ruthless ruler who has silenced political opponents to stay in power this long.

But they also say that the feud is personal, tied to the president's relationship with Besigye and his wife, Winnie Byanyima, whom Museveni has known since childhood and, many say, once wanted to marry.

The history may shed light

on the depth of the political movement.

It was the winter of 1980, after nearly a decade of Idi Amin's brutal dictatorship, when Besigye, then a young physician, started attending rallies for a popular and charismatic new political figure, Museveni.

"He was a young person who in himself attracted us as young people," Besigye said. "He was saying the

Kampala hotel.

He escaped and in 1982 found the rebels in the bush and was welcomed by Museveni, who made him his personal doctor. "I lived next to him in a tent," Besigye said, "and stayed close by him until the end of the war." Besigye said he also met Byanyima. She was a young rebel officer close to Museveni in the bush while his wife and chil-



Winnie Byanyima speaks during a campaign event for her husband, Kizza Besigye, right, an opposition leader who has run for president the last three decades, in Kampala, Uganda. President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, and Besigye were once close friends who fought together against a dictator.

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

right things that struck a chord with us, about what kind of government Uganda deserved. We started to see him as one of the shining torches."

When Museveni's new political party came in third in general elections that year, he started a guerrilla movement in the bush. Activists like Besigye were hunted down, and Besigye says he and others were locked in the basement of a popular

dren were living in Sweden. Years later, Besigye and Byanyima would marry.

Besigye said that at times Museveni and Byanyima were involved in a romantic relationship, and that as a doctor he treated both of them, gradually becoming a trusted counsel to the rebel leader. After Museveni triumphed and became president in 1986, Besigye was named minister of internal affairs.

But trouble soon began. Besigye said that when he challenged the president on corruption or constitutional issues, the relationship soured.

Byanyima also fell out with the president, and her father, Mzee Boniface Byanyima — an elder statesman and a one-time surrogate father to Museveni. Mzee Boniface Byanyima said he rejected the president when he asked for his daughter's hand, offering to seek an annulment of his marriage to make it possible.

"I didn't like the man's character," Mzee Byanyima, now 92, said in a recent interview. "I knew that that man, sooner or later, he will run this country into trouble. I told my daughter, 'Don't allow Museveni to make you his second wife.'"

Winnie Byanyima declined to comment, saying only that Uganda's political row was about national issues.

In 1990, Besigye was dismissed from his position as minister and was ordered to take military training, a clear demotion. He soon became popular within the armed forces and was elected to the military's high command.

He became increasingly vocal in politics, and in the early 1990s he says he began a romantic relationship with Winnie Byanyima, who left a diplomatic post in France to run for Parliament as an opposition politician. The two campaigned together, romance intertwining with politics. □

Foes: Chavez's health should not be mystery

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Opposition leaders accused Hugo Chavez on Sunday of failing to fully inform Venezuelans about his health, saying the president's condition following

and his aides should be more straightforward.

"The uncertainty regarding Hugo Chavez's health and considerable speculation over the real illness affecting him reveal the government's serious constitutional violations," said Miguel

any information about his health. Three messages appeared within 30 minutes Saturday afternoon, including one mentioning visits by Chavez's daughter Rosines and grandchildren.

"Ah, what happiness it is to receive this shower of love!" the Twitter message read. "God bless them!"

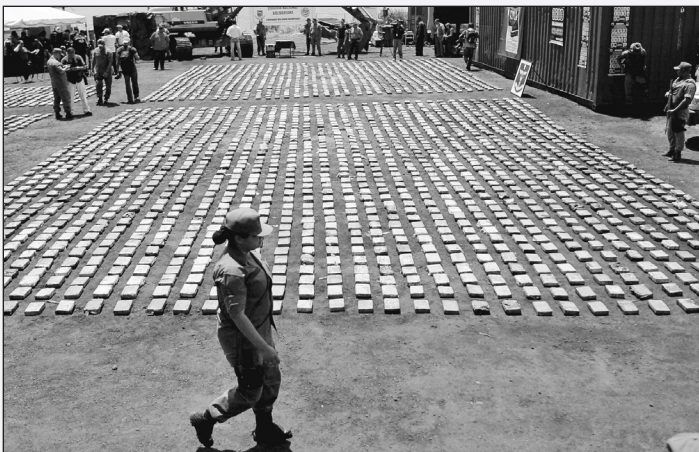
Nobody has heard Chavez speak publicly since he told Venezuelan state television by telephone on June 12 that he was quickly recovering from the surgery he had undergone two days earlier for a pelvic abscess. He said medical tests showed no sign of any "malignant" illness. It remains unclear when he will return to Venezuela. Chavez's mother, Elena, wished her son a speedy recovery on Sunday.

"May the power of God heal him and bring him to me," she told state television.

The vice president must take the president's place during temporary absences of up to 90 days, according to the constitution. Some opposition politicians have suggested that Vice President Elias Jaua should replace Chavez until he recovers, a move that Jaua has ruled out. If Chavez were to relinquish power, some analysts believe his political movement would crumble or split. "No one else is really ready to step in and take charge," said

Michael Shifter, president of the Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based think tank. "The current situation shows how precarious one-man rule is: Everything

hinges on the whims of a single individual." "A search for a successor to Chavez would significantly scramble the country's politics," Shifter added. "□"

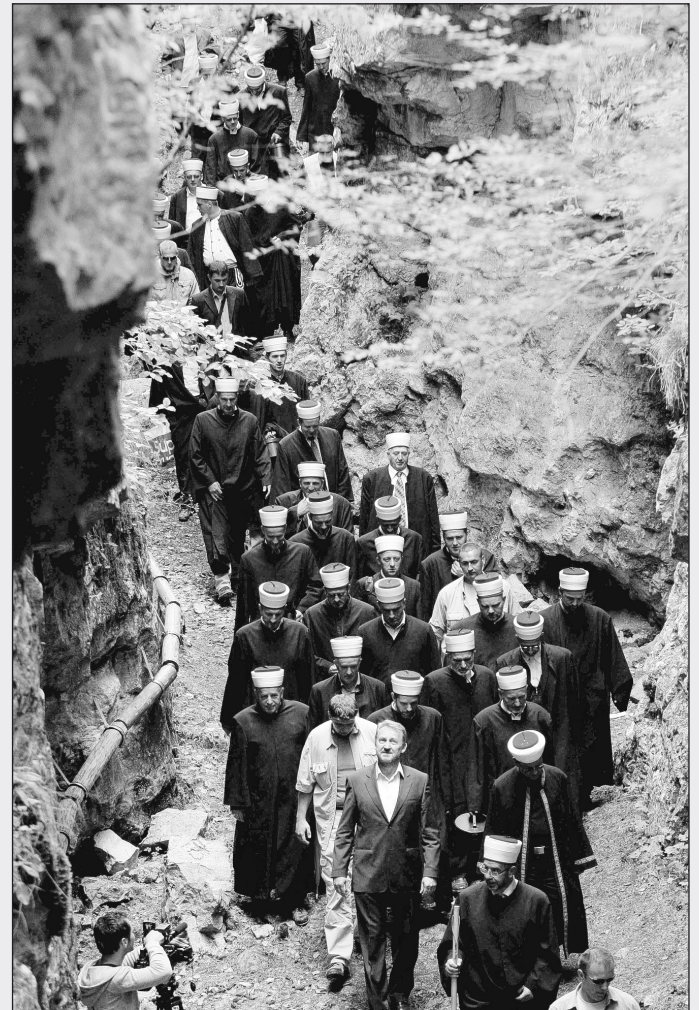


A National Guard soldier walks by seized packages of cocaine on display for the press in Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, Sunday June 26, 2011. Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said authorities have seized more than 5.5 tons of cocaine on Friday in eastern Venezuela. Venezuela is a transshipment point for Colombian cocaine destined for the United States, Europe and the Caribbean.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

surgery in Cuba should not be shrouded in secrecy. Despite assurances from top government officials and close relatives that Chavez is recuperating following surgery more than two weeks ago, the president's silence and seclusion since the operation have spurred growing speculation about how ill Chavez may be. Opponents say Chavez

Angel Rodriguez, an opposition lawmaker. Under Venezuela's Constitution, Chavez must "give us the diagnosis, talk to us about the treatment and answer questions," Rodriguez said in a statement. Venezuelan officials have said Chavez is recuperating, but have provided few details. Chavez's Twitter stream has been active, but it has not provided



Bosnian Muslims clerics accompanied with Bakir Izetbegovic, front, member of Bosnian tripartite Bosnian Presidency, negotiate the narrow pass as they gather near the village of Prusac, central Bosnia, about 130 kms west of Sarajevo, early Sunday, June 26, 2011, performing the traditional pilgrimage to Ajvatovica, the oldest Muslim sanctuary in Europe. Some thousands of Muslims climb the mountain to pray at the site where, according to tradition, a miracle happened when a huge rock divided in half after a Muslim man prayed for 40-days, in front of it.

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Western Libya tastes a tenuous revival

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ROGEBAN, Libya – Until a few weeks ago, residents of towns in the Nafusah Mountains were struggling to survive on dwindling supplies of barley, water and gas, with the region under siege by the soldiers of Moammar Gadhafi who were determined to stamp out the rebellion here. But after an improbable series of military victories over the past three weeks – with fewer than 100 rebel fighters killed, their military leaders say – residents of a broad area in this mountain region are celebrating virtual secession from Gadhafi's Libya.

While there have been defeats, and the Grad rockets of Gadhafi's forces still menace the outskirts of Nalut near the Tunisian border and Yafran to the east, rebels point hopefully to the growing stability of the towns under their control as evidence of how tenuous Gadhafi's grip may be. "This is the new Libya," said Anwar Fekini, a Sorbonne-educated French-Libyan lawyer, rebel organizer and local tribal leader who returned for a weekend trip to his ancestral home to strategize with local allies. "It feels good."

The Nafusah Mountains have emerged as a strategically significant front in the battle for Libya, in part because the rebels there are closest to Gadhafi's stronghold in the capital, Tripoli, and in part because they have the potential to cut off vital supply lines from the border. And though barely trained and few in number – one rebel leader estimated that there were about 2,000 armed fighters – they have used their knowledge of the terrain and the sympathies of much of the local population to expand their territory as the fighting around Benghazi to the east and Misrata on the central coast has moved toward a stalemate. The rebels have established firm control of more than a half-dozen towns from the Dhiba border crossing into



An opposition fighter guards a checkpoint along the road between Ar Rujban and Guelhha in western Libya, June 24, 2011. Having consolidated control over almost all of Libya's western mountains, rebel leaders say they are now pursuing a two-pronged strategy to bring down the government of Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

(Samuel Aranda/The New York Times)

Tunisia, where rebel guards mingle amiably with their Tunisian counterparts, to the major town of Yafran, a 90-minute drive from Tripoli. Over the weekend several Tripoli residents arrived to take refuge with their families, as well.

After months of exodus from the fighting in the mountains, the border crossing is now jammed with a long line of refugees returning home. In many towns, local authorities say that most of the Gadhafi government employees kept working as the rebels took over, and the same police officers now patrol the streets in fresh new rebel uniforms. Their own makeshift jails house captured soldiers. At least seven local newspapers – photocopied newsletters – have sprung up to capitalize on the new freedom of the press.

In Rogeban, each issue of a new paper produced by a history professor includes both a "face of the revolution" feature on a local activist and a short civics lesson introducing concepts that may be useful in discussing Libya's future, like "confederation" or "federalism." Rogeban residents have covered the walls with cartoons mocking Gadhafi and decorated public spaces with shards of his military's Grad rockets. A new museum Yafran

celebrates local culture and achievements, with one room devoted to the armaments fired at local communities and another archiving the new local papers. Across the border in Tunisia, a small industry has sprung up to furnish baseball hats and T-shirts emblazoned with the tri-color pre-Gadhafi Libyan flag that the rebels have adopted as their own. Local doctors say are better equipped with supplies than they were before the uprising, in part because of the generosity of wealthier Libyans abroad. The rebels have even painted a runway along more than a mile of highway, in the hopes that planes might land with more weapons and supplies. □





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Making a living with multiple part-time jobs

HANNAH SELIGSON

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When someone asks Roger Fierro "What do you do?" – which he knows is shorthand for "Where do you work?" – he laughs. Then he says, "I do everything." Fierro, who is 26, has four jobs: working as a bilingual-curriculum specialist for the textbook publisher Pearson; handling estate sales and online marketing for a store that sells vintage items; setting up an online store for a custom pinata maker; and developing reality-show ideas for a production company. So far this month, he's made about \$1,800. Whereas most 9-to-5ers have some kind of structure in their lives, each workday can be wildly different for him. On a recent day, he worked on and off from 7 a.m. to midnight, making business calls, working on

the pinata store's website and visiting the vintage store, among other things. (To maintain his sanity, he made sure to schedule some "me" time from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8.) "I have 8 million things going on," said Fierro, who lives in the West Town area of Chicago. "It's exhausting. Sometimes I just want to take a nap." Some portions of the population – especially young, creative types like actors, artists and musicians – have always held multiple jobs to pay the bills. But people from all kinds of fields are now drawing income from several streams. Fierro, for one, has a degree in international studies and Latin American studies at the University of Chicago. Some of these workers are patching together jobs out of choice. They may find

full-time office work unfulfilling and are testing to see whether they can be their

this position is an economic recovery of robust proportions." An entry-level sal-

401(k). The salary doesn't cover her expenses, so she often baby-sits five nights a week for six families in the Washington area. Without the baby-sitting jobs, she says, she couldn't afford to live in Adams Morgan, a hip neighborhood in Washington, or take a vacation: "I'm working in online publishing, an industry that is struggling to monetize, so if I want to do anything fun, like take a trip to New Orleans, I have to have additional income."

Juggling jobs has its perils. "I do sometimes get my schedules mixed up and will double- or even triple-book myself," McCarty said. Maintaining a social life can be challenging, and it might consist of "dragging a friend along while I run errands on a Saturday."

"Sometimes I do get burnt out from all of the juggling, but caffeine, for the most part, keeps me going," she said. "I try when I get to that point to take some time by myself even if it's just 30 minutes during lunch."

All told, McCarty says, she works 75 to 80 hours a week, a schedule more typical of investment bankers or lawyers aspiring to make partner in a firm – but for just a fraction of the pay. Between her salary at TheNewGay.net and the \$5,000 she makes at her various baby-sitting jobs, McCarty has a pre-tax income of \$30,000, or about \$2,500 a month. More than \$700 a month goes to the apartment she shares with two roommates. □



Louise Gassman, who has four jobs, right, teaches a class at the indoor cycling studio SoulCycle in New York. The job market is keeping many people, especially recent graduates, out of full-time employment or off of career paths, and out of necessity or choice, they are weaving together a smattering of part-time positions.

(Joshua Bright/The New York Times)

own boss. Certainly, the Internet has made working from home and trying out new businesses easier than ever. But in many cases, necessity is driving the trend. "Young college graduates working multiple jobs is a natural consequence of a bad labor market and having, on average, \$20,000 worth of student loans to pay off," said Carl E. Van Horn, director of the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers. "There are two types of people in this position: the graduate who can't get a full-time job, and the person whose income isn't sufficient to meet their expenses," he said. "The only cure for young people in

ary often doesn't go very far these days. According to a study by the Heldrich Center, the median starting salary for those who graduated from four-year degree programs in 2009 and 2010 was \$27,000, down from \$30,000 for those who graduated in 2006 to 2008, before the recession. (Try living on \$27,000 a year – before taxes – in a city like New York, Washington or Chicago.) Many earn even less than \$27,000. Maureen McCarty, 23, who graduated from American University in 2010 with a journalism degree, makes \$25,000 before taxes as managing editor of TheNewGay.net, a blog focusing on gay issues, with no benefits like health insurance or a



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The ensuing showdown saw Offringa turn on her turbochargers and unleash everything she had, in order to claim the valuable victory. Meanwhile the rest of the fleet were caught in a pile up initiated by Alice Arutkin (Starboard / North). Karin Jaggi somehow managed to avoid the drama until a rough piece of chop caught her out, rendering her unable to complete the race. Offringa's result bumped her up into first place, leaving everything to play for in the final elimination before it was set in stone.

The men's elimination seven was full of thrills and spills, seeing Josh Angulo (Angulo / Gun / Dakine) Jimmy Diaz (Starboard / North) and Kurosh Kiani (Angulo / Simmer) all lose out in the quarter finals due to premature starts.

Taty Frans (Starboard / MauiSails / Mystic) sailed an incredible set of heats, working his way into the winner's final for the second time this week, reaching blistering speed on his 6.6m sail while the majority of the fleet were using 8m and up.

Entering the men's elimination seven winner's final, Bjorn Dunkerbeck (Starboard

/ Severne / Mystic / DunkerbeckEyewear) sat a fraction of a point behind Antoine Albeau (JP / NeilPryde), the crowds on the beach fell silent as the pressure mounted and the sailors crossed the start line.

Ben Van Der Steen (Starboard / Loft / Mystic) opened the heat with a perfectly timed start, but lost his lead at the first mark to Dunkerbeck who was fired up and gunning for the vital heat victory. Albeau suffered during the hustle at the start line putting him in an unrecoverable position from the outset. The crowds watched the marks fly by as Albeau managed to work his way into fourth chasing down Van Der Steen, Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (Fanatic / North) and his arch nemesis Dunkerbeck but his efforts were in vain as Bjorn succeeded in securing a huge lead on the fleet, marking the turning point in the overall event scores.

After having his claws on the number one position through six eliminations, Albeau had now dropped down into second place and needed to win the final race, with Bjorn at least finishing fifth in order to steal back the victory.

Elimination eight opened up to an explosive first heat,

once again Frans caught the attention of the beach as he displayed his lightning speed working his way from fourth into the lead, overtaking Micah Buzianis (JP / NeilPryde) and Sebastian Kordel (NeilPryde) on his way past.

The final and critical crescendo came in heat fourteen, when Ross Williams (Tabou / Gaastra), Ludovic Jossin (Loft) and windsurfing icons Albeau and Dunkerbeck all forced too hard and went over early. The dramatic turn of events cemented Dunkerbeck's event win and left Albeau helpless in the battle for second place leaving the door open for Van Der Steen to snatch the valuable podium spot. With only four men remaining in heat there was no need for it to be run and the racing progressed into the finals.

Having the blessing of the wind gods Van Der Steen had the opportunity to break into the Dunkerbeck, Albeau stronghold over first and second. In order to cause an upset at the top of the ranks it was essential for Van Der Steen to perform to his fullest potential.

Opening the winner's final Van Der Steen hit the start line right on the button, closely followed by Cyril Moussil-

mani (Starboard / North) and Quentel. In spite of the challenges from the rest of the fleet Van Der Steen delivered an exceptional performance seeing him win the race and slide into second place overall, knocking Albeau down into third.

Quotes from the top

Bjorn Dunkerbeck (Starboard / Severne / Mystic / DunkerbeckEyewear)

"This is amazing; my equipment is really fast so I knew if everything was working I could win. I had a few hiccups at the start of the competition, I crashed in the second final, and went to the wrong mark after they had adjusted the course in another, and then after that I won four out of eight. I am really happy that it came down to the last round and I managed to pull it off.

Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Gaastra / Mystic)

"I was quite inconsistent throughout the competition but every time it went well I came in first which meant I didn't have to fight really hard today. I managed to win the first final today which put me just ahead of Karin; I then just had to finish in front of her of within fourth to win. Karin crashed at the first mark so from then on I just wanted to win second place and not make any mistakes."

Results

Men's Fleet

1st Bjorn Dunkerbeck (Starboard / Severne / Mystic / DunkerbeckEyewear)

2nd Ben Van Der Steen (Starboard / Loft / Mystic)

3rd Antoine Albeau (JP / NeilPryde)

4th Finian Maynard (RRD)

5th Julien Quentel (RRD / NeilPryde)

6th Cyril Moussilmani (Starboard / North)

7th Antoine Questel (Loft)

8th Arnon Dagan (Tabou / Gaastra)

9th Taty Frans (Starboard / MauiSails / Mystic)

10th Micah Buzianis (JP / NeilPryde)

Women's Fleet

1st Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Gaastra / Mystic)

2nd Karin Jaggi (Patrik / Severne)

3rd Valerie Arrighetti (Tabou / Gaastra / Mystic)

4th Fanny Aubet (JP / NeilPryde)

5th Alice Arutkin (Starboard / North)

6th Cagla Kubat (Starboard / North)

7th Lena Erdil (Patrik / Loft / AL360)

8th Delphine Cousin (JP / NeilPryde)

9th Zofia Klepacka (RRD / North)

10th Lise Vidal (Exocet / North)

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PALM BEACH -- Lucky patrons won more than us\$ 14,000 in jackpots this week as the casino's slot machines provided exciting and engaging experiences to locals and vacationers. Michelle Buzzi was among the luckiest pa-

trons staying at the resort as she pocketed us\$ 3,043. The weekly Casino Bonanza played every Tuesday awarded Westin Aruba Resort guest Kelly Phillip and the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa guest Christina Tucker with fun

restaurant gift certificates, while the weekly Car Raffle promotion which will culminate on June 23rd with a car give-away bestowed a Digital Camera upon Nelly Ortega, staying at the Mill Resort & Suites, dinner for two at Laguna Restaurant

for Joan Marin and dinner for two at Gilligan's Beach Bar & Grill to Shamala Rao, a guest of the Radisson. The Casino hosts always organize a slot tournament on Saturday, and this week Michelle Vinck, Ruben Ladia and Kelvin Tromp

walked away smiling with cash prizes in their hand. A brand new Suzuki Swift GLX is now on display as a Grand Prize for slot and table players. The cute blue car is a 4-door, with a 1.5 lt. engine, keyless entry, air conditioning and sport seats, among other great features. The Suzuki Swift GLX will be given away in just a few weeks, on July 23rd, and every Friday until then a casino happening awards attractive prizes to some of those who deposit their ticket in the designated drum. Pictured here are winners and more winners. □



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ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is



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At the conclusion of Heritage Cup at Tierra del Sol

Rey Rasmijn wins Heritage Cup 2011 Series

TIERRA DEL SOL -- Who says old dogs cannot learn new tricks? Rey Rasmijn, the Champion of the Heritage Cup 2011 series, is here to prove they can! Rasmijn ranked 23rd on the list of 30 qualifiers, coming into the final round of the Heritage Cup 2011 Series, making him by far, the only Champion to win the Heritage Cup, having been ranked that low down the leader board during preliminary rounds. The leaders prior to the final event, Ricky Quant, Michael van der Hofstede, and Liam van Ramshorst, and many others in close reach of the cup all performed poorly on the most important day, Saturday, June 25th, as the Championship unfolded. "The wrong Rasmijn won," banters Adam Williamson, Head Golf Professional at the PGA Championship Golf Course, "Son Orlando Rasmijn was ranked 4th, yet Papa Rey came soaring over 22 players and took the Cup! That's amateur golf at its best; you never know what is going

to happen. I am so happy for Rey, he played well at the moment he had too, and was very fortunate that players ahead of him didn't make any move to win; it was an amazing victory." Williamson concludes. Title sponsor Boolchand's Island Director Ravee Nandwani handed the top three finishers of the series, Rey Rasmijn, Michael v/d Hofstede and Liam V. Ramshorst a TW Steel watch each, for their performances, as well as a commemorative cup for the ten top finishers. The oldest player in the field, at age of 77, Rey Rasmijn won the final event of the Heritage Cup with 36 stableford points and by scorecard playoff against 2nd place winner Ted Noble. Third place with 35 stableford points was Eric Gildhorn. Carla Schipper came nearest to the pin on #3 and received a gift certificate courtesy of Ventanas del Mar Restaurant at Tierra del Sol, Rafael Gallardo was closest to the pin on #7 and received a gift certificate courtesy of Da Vinci



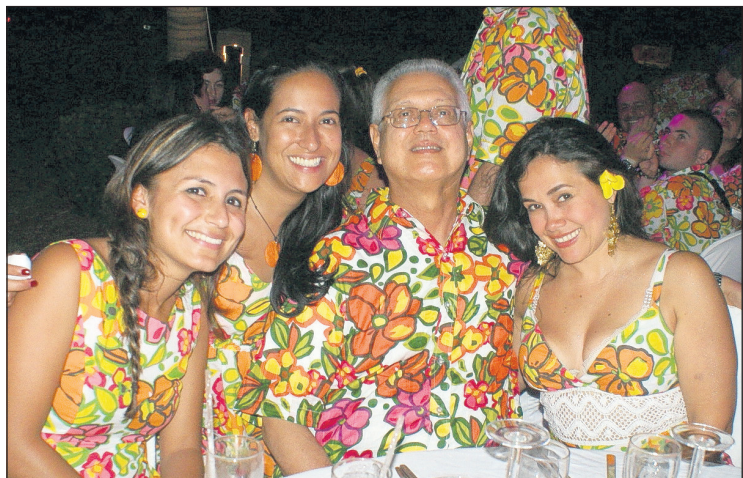
Restaurant, Carsten Goetze landed nearest to the pin on #13 and receive a gift certificate courtesy of Amadeus Restaurant, Clifton Ling was closest to the pin on #12 and received a gift certificate courtesy of Body & Soul Spa, while

Hubert Kock was closest to the pin on #17 and receive a gift certificate courtesy of Buster's Garage. Williamson thanked the sponsors and the players for their participation, he was especially grateful to title sponsor Boolchand's Is-

land Director Ravee Nandwani, for his company's support and the choice of TW Steel watches, the international lifestyle brand "Big in Oversize Watches." Pictured here is the award ceremony at the end of the fifth and final event. □



Fedearroz hosts an international convention in Aruba



DRUIF BEACH – Fedearroz, Federación Nacional de Arroceros, a Colombian organization uniting all of that country's rice growers by sharing knowledge and providing support, hosted its first international convention in Aruba at Divi Resorts. Over 400 rice-growers and their spouses enjoyed Divi's unique brand of hospitality staying at Divi & Dutch Village, having arrived here on board three chartered planes by Avianca. The Divi was their hotel of choice, says president Raphael Hernandez, who trusted the

beach resorts with the execution of a flawless five-day program packed with parties and activities, including a mega beach event in giant tents pitched on DruiF Beach, entertained by a Latin Circus Show paired with a Caribbean BBQ. Divi's representatives in Colombia Laura and Viviana helped orchestrate the first of its kind initiative, and also escorted the group while on the island. For the final under-the-stars banquet the Seabreeze Restaurant at Divi Village catered a lovely banquet with Colombian cocktails and dance music to the wee hours. The dress code: floral patterned shirts for the men and fancy floral patterned dresses for the ladies, to further enhance the team spirit of the organization, and the unity and solidarity among members.

Pictured here, having fun in Aruba, the guests of Fedearroz. The party was attended by Divi's Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeyer and Sales Director Howard Maduro. □





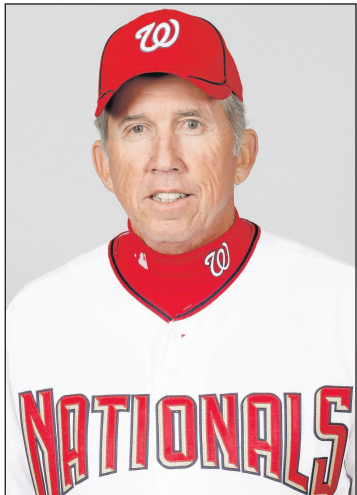
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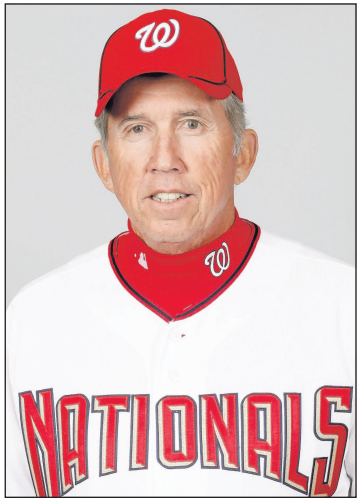
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Walter Dix gets the double at US Championships

EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

EUGENE, Oregon (AP) —

One by one, a generation of American track and field's best athletes slowed at the finish, pulled up lame or failed to find their fastest gear. By the time the week was over, Walter Dix was among the few who looked ready to take on the world.

Dix completed the 100-200 double at U.S. track championships Sunday, meaning he'll be the headliner on the American world team that will be missing Tyson Gay, Lolo Jones, Wallace Spearmon and a handful of other regulars.

Dix completed his sprint double by running the 200 in a wind-aided 19.95 seconds for a .03 margin over Darvis Patton. He'll head to worlds in South Korea as America's best sprinter, which puts him squarely on



Walter Dix, left, wins the men's 200 meters ahead of Darvis Patton, rear, and Jeremy Dodson, center, at the U.S. outdoor track and field championships in Eugene, Ore., Sunday, June 26, 2011. Dix's time was 19.25 seconds.

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world-record holder Usain Bolt's radar with the Olympics coming up in a year. Carmelita Jeter's shot at the women's 100-200 double, along with a \$25,000 bonus that comes with it, blew up when Shalonda Solomon accelerated past her in the last 50 meters to win the 200 with a world-best time of 22.15. This was Solomon's first win at a major meet, made possible in part because defending world champion Allyson Felix sat out and focused on the 400, which she won. Dix and Jeter were among the few big-name runners at an important track meet that, at times, felt more like play time or a visit inside the trainer's room.

Sanya Richards-Ross, the world 400 champion, joined Felix in bypassing her main event to try something new. But Richards-Ross

failed to qualify in the 200, finishing seventh, meaning she'll only compete in the 400 at worlds in South Korea in August.

Richards-Ross wasn't the only big name to come up short at this meet.

Jones, hampered by a painful sciatic nerve, didn't make it through the semifinal round of the 100 hurdles, meaning the multiple-time champion and America's biggest name in that event won't join the U.S. team at world championships.

Jennifer Suhr had her five-year streak of national titles snapped in the pole vault. Battling injuries all season, Suhr finished second to Kylie Hutson, who cleared 15 feet, 3 inches.

Hyleas Fountain, America's best at the heptathlon, was fighting through food poisoning and a number of other maladies on her way to sixth. □

Davey Jhonson

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It could be him.

"Davey's a perfect fit for this job at this particular time. He's a guy with a track record that's beyond reproach. He knows the system, he knows the staff, he knows the major league club and he's a terrific baseball guy and a proved winning manager," general manager Mike Rizzo said.

Interim manager John McLaren ran the team for the third straight game in Sunday's series finale against the Chicago White Sox. Rigglesman's former bench coach will leave the team after the game and be reassigned to scouting duties within the organization. Less than an hour before game time Sunday, a loud round of applause could be heard coming from the Nationals' clubhouse as Rizzo thanked McLaren. At the same meeting, Rizzo informed the team of Johnson's hiring — not a well-kept secret over the last three days.

"It's an extremely positive reaction. They all know Davey, he's been in spring training, in uniform," Rizzo

said. "They've interacted with him, they know his resume and just talking to him, the respect that he has in that room, even before he sets foot in there as manager, is second to none."

Johnson was not available for comment Sunday and would not be returning calls, a team spokesman said. He was scheduled to join the team later for the flight to Los Angeles.

The 68-year-old Johnson managed the Mets, Dodgers, Reds and Orioles over 14 seasons and compiled a 1148-888 record. He led the 1986 Mets to a World Series championship, and 11 of his teams finished first or second 14 times.

Even though he hasn't managed in the majors for 11 years, Johnson did skipper Team USA in the 2009 World Baseball Classic, the 2008 Olympic team in Beijing, and two summers ago managed amateur players in a Florida summer collegiate league.

Rizzo said he talked with several other people about the job but did not formally interview them because Johnson was easily his first choice after Rigglesman bolted.



In this March 6, 2010, photo, Davey Johnson, second from right, a senior adviser for the Washington Nationals, stands in the dugout during a spring training baseball game against the New York Mets in Viera, Fla.

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"When we got the news, you automatically go into 'Plan B' mode and try to think outside the box," Rizzo said. "We had to make decisions rationally and clearly, but quickly. We were fortunate to have such a clear-cut and easy alternative right there."

Rigglesman resigned abruptly Thursday after the Nationals beat Seattle, unhappy that Rizzo declined to have a conversation about picking up his option

for 2012. The departure was stunning for its timing — the Nationals have won 12 of their last 14 games before Sunday.

It was the second time in a week a manager has resigned and been replaced. Florida skipper Edwin Rodriguez quit last Sunday — under much different circumstances with the Marlins struggling — and was replaced by 80-year-old Jack McKeon.

Now, Johnson will return

to a team that has played well lately and has a bright future with a young star in 18-year-old Bryce Harper, who is tearing up Class-A ball, and with 22-year-old powerful right-hander Stephen Strasburg expected to recover from elbow surgery.

"I know they've got great vision here. I know Davey Johnson is gonna do a great job here," McLaren said before his final game Sunday. □

Kurt Busch grabs 1st road course victory

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

SONOMA, Calif. — It certainly seemed as if Kurt Busch's season was in serious trouble just two months ago, when poor performances led to an intense radio tirade against his entire Penske Racing organization. What could have destroyed his race team has actually had the opposite effect.

Busch's impressive turnaround continued Sunday with a dominating run at Infineon Raceway, where he earned his first career road course victory and his first win of the season.

"We've been on a great run these last few weeks," Busch said. "To get a road course win, it's a big check mark on my list. It's just really neat to bring home that 'W.'"

Busch led a race-high 76 laps and beat Jeff Gordon by almost 4 seconds for his first win of the season. It's a marked turn for Busch, who unraveled over his team radio at Richmond in early May because of how poorly his Dodge had been running.

The rant led to behind-the-scenes changes at Penske Racing that have sparked both Busch and teammate Brad Keselowski, who won at Kansas earlier this month. Busch, despite three consecutive poles, was winless but inching closer and closer.

It finally came on a road course, of all places. Busch was winless in 10 career starts at both Sonoma and Watkins Glen, the only two road courses on the Sprint Cup circuit. And Busch helped Keselowski finish 10th with advice and a tour of the track on Friday.

it like a sponge.

"That's what it takes as a veteran of the team to help the kid that's coming up through and to have his information help us. That's exactly what's helped both teams get stronger."

Beating Gordon made it extra special for Busch,



Kurt Busch (22) leads Paul Menard through Turn 2 during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race Sunday, June 26, 2011, at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif.

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"It's a good feeling to know that the two teams are working as closely together as they ever have," Busch said. "Knowing that Brad is definitely maturing, seeing him bust off a top 10 at a road course is great. We went around the race track, I pointed out some of the apex points, exit points, shifting points. He absorbed

who was one of many drivers wrecked by Gordon here last year. It was fresh in his memory when he arrived, and one of the first things Busch said was Gordon had apologized to every driver he wrecked last year but Busch.

"It was a definite boost at the end of the day, to see him finish second," Busch

smiled.

Gordon congratulated Busch in Victory Lane, but said "I still didn't apologize."

Carl Edwards, who decided Friday to skip Saturday's Nationwide Series race at Road America, finished third. He was scheduled to miss both of Saturday's practice sessions so he could be in Wisconsin for the race.

"It was very tough to watch the race from Road America, but I think staying was the right decision," Edwards said. "It worked out. It was a good call."

Sunday's race featured several on-track flare-ups, most notably Brian Vickers' payback spin of Tony Stewart.

Stewart knocked Vickers out of his way early in the race, and Vickers gave it right back later. The bump sent Stewart's car spinning into a stack of tires, and the rear of his Chevrolet came to a rest on top of the stack. Stewart didn't seem angry over the retaliation, but he wasn't apologetic, either.

"I probably had it coming, because I dumped him earlier, but I dumped him because he was blocking," Stewart said.

While Stewart was calm, tempers were flaring across the rest of the garage. Juan Pablo Montoya was mad at Keselowski, Kasey Kahne

was mad at Montoya, Joey Logano was mad at Robby Gordon and Denny Hamlin was mad at AJ Allmendinger.

"(Seventh) week in a row I've had a winning car and then Boom. We get Dinger'd," Hamlin posted on Twitter immediately after the race.

Hamlin, who led 12 laps and was competitive with Busch, wound up 37th.

"Man, it was nuts out there," Jeff Gordon surmised.

Clint Bowyer finished fourth, Marcos Ambrose was fifth and pole-winner Logano was sixth. It was a huge turnaround for Logano, who used coaching from Max Papis to score his career-best road course finish. He also showed some mettle in intentionally moving Robby Gordon out of his way midway through the race.

"He drives like a moron every week," Logano said. "We were a lot faster than him. I got outside of him one corner and he knocked in my fender. So I had enough of it. I'm not going to get pushed around; I don't care."

Defending race winner Jimmie Johnson was seventh, and Martin Truex Jr. came back from an early spin to finish eighth.

Kevin Harvick and Keselowski rounded out the top 10. □

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Jacobson wins Travelers for first PGA Tour title

PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press

CROMWELL, Connecticut

(AP) — Fredrik Jacobson closed out his first PGA Tour title on Sunday, shooting a 4-under 66 in the Travelers Championship for a one-stroke victory over John Rollins and Ryan Moore.

Jacobson, a 36-year-old Swede who joined the tour eight years ago and has three European Tour victories, had just one bogey in the tournament and finished at 20 under, two shots off the course record.

"It's been haunting me," Jacobson said. "I've been on the board, I've been asked so many times from the kids, 'Did you get a trophy this week daddy? Did you get a trophy this week?' Nope, no trophy. So, I'm excited about that. I'm glad I'm not breaking that promise for her."

"I was hitting so many fair-



Frederik Jacobson, of Sweden, receives his championship trophy from Travelers chief executive Jay Fishman, left, after winning the Travelers Championship golf tournament in Cromwell, Conn., on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

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ways," said Jacobson, who was equal 14th last week at the U.S. Open. "It started clicking the end

of last week. The last two days I struck the ball the best I ever have at the U.S. Open."

Jacobson hit all 28 fairways over the weekend.

Rollins and Moore closed with 63s. Moore missed a

4-foot par putt on 18.

"I'm not beating myself up over that putt," he said. "That happens in golf."

"It was a pretty simple left-center putt, and I pushed it right into the middle of the hole and it just slipped by the side."

Patrick Cantlay, the 19-year-old UCLA golfer who had a 60 on Friday to break the tour record for an amateur, finished at 11 under after weekend rounds of 72 and 70.

He arrived to a loud ovation on the 18th green, but bogeyed the hole.

"I just learned what it's like to have a week on the PGA Tour, to make the cut and to compete with all the guys," said Cantlay, the low amateur at Congressional last week. "This was just my second go-around and it was a lot of fun. The ovations are special every time." □

Tseng runs away in winning LPGA Championship

JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

PITTSFORD, New York (AP)

— Top-ranked Yani Tseng easily won the LPGA Championship by 10 strokes Sunday to become the youngest player to claim four LPGA Tour majors.

The 22-year-old Tseng closed with a 6-under 66 to finish at 19-under 269 at Locust Hill Country Club, matching the LPGA record low score at a major. And her dominating performance came a year after Cristie Kerr shot the same score to win the tournament by 12 strokes. Dottie Pepper (1999 Kraft Nabisco) and Karen Stupples (2004 Women's British Open) also finished at 19 under.

In terms of majors, Tseng beat the mark set by Se Ri Pak, who was 24 when she won her fourth major. For the Taiwan star, it was her eighth career LPGA Tour victory, second in a row and third of the season. She has three other victories this year, sweeping the Australian Open and Masters and winning in Taiwan.

Morgan Pressel (71) fin-



Yani Tseng, of Taiwan, reacts after winning the Wegmans LPGA Championship golf tournament with a 19-under 269 in Pittsford, N.Y., Sunday, June 26, 2011.

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ished second. Kerr (69), Suzann Pettersen (67) and Paula Creamer (69) were equal third at 8 under.

"Obviously, it's hard to beat," said Kerr, who rallied late with a birdie on No. 16 and an eagle on 17. "I'm not surprised. Yani's a great player. She's in the prime of her career."

She's found her stride at a young age."

Wearing a smile for much of the day, Tseng raised her arms and tipped her hat as she was greeted by the gallery upon arriving at the 18th green.

In winning her second LPGA Championship, she moved into joint 15th among women with four majors, joining a group of six others, including Laura Davies and Meg Mallon.

By comparison, Annika Sorenstam was 24 when she won the first of her 10 majors — the 1995 U.S.

Women's Open. Patty Berg was 23 when she won her fourth major in 1941, but before the LPGA was formed in 1950. Tseng's also ahead of Tiger Woods, who didn't win his first major until he was 24.

Men or women, Tseng's

performance drew comparisons to Rory McIlroy, given that the up-and-coming Northern Irish star is also 22 and won last week's U.S. Open by eight strokes. Tseng went start to finish as the tournament leader after opening with rounds of 66, 70 and 67.

In holding one-shot leads after each of the first two rounds, Tseng began running away from the field on Saturday as she built a five-shot edge.

It's a lead she doubled by the time she made the turn Sunday.

The only hiccup for Tseng came on the opening hole. She pulled her tee shot into the left rough, appearing to be bothered by the click of a shutter of a photographer standing behind her. Then Tseng had to wait five minutes to stew over her ball as Pressel sought a ruling from an official to move her ball because a sprinkler was affecting her stance just off the first green.

Tseng landed her second shot just outside the ropes in the gallery and, with the rattling noise of a freight train nearby, she settled for a bogey 5. □



Alexander gets split decision against Matthyse

ST. CHARLES, Missouri (AP) — Devon Alexander earned a split-decision victory against Lucas Matthyse of Argentina in a 10-round junior welterweight fight on Saturday night. Two judges scored the fight 96-93 — one for Alexander and the other for Matthyse. The third judge scored it 95-94 for Alexander.

"He was a rough and tough fighter," Alexander said. "I made a conscious decisions to bring the fight out in me, because people had their doubts about me."

The fight was fairly even throughout, with both boxers connecting with several good shots to the head. Alexander (22-1) was knocked down early in the fourth round when Matthyse (28-2) landed a left hook, but he jumped up quickly.

"The knockdown was a flash knockdown," Alexander said. "After that, I had to pull it out of myself to win the fight."

The victory came about five months after Alexander lost to Timothy Bradley in a title fight in Michigan after an accidental head butt closed Alexander's left eye. The ring-side doctor stopped the bout in the 10th round, allowing Bradley to hold onto his WBO belt while taking Alexander's WBC title with an unanimous technical knockout.

"I had flashbacks from my last fight," Alexander said, "and I wasn't going to lose two fights in a row."

It was Matthyse's fourth fight in the U.S. He suffered his only other loss — a split-decision against Zab Judah — in Newark, New Jersey, on Nov. 6.

"I gave it my all," he said. "It was a tough fight. I did the best I could and I thought I won. But once again I was robbed."

On the undercard, Cornelius Bundrage (31-4) retained his IBF junior middleweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Sechew Powell (26-3), the top-ranked challenger. After the final bell, Bundrage spat in the face of Powell, who attempted to land a punch before being tackled by the referee into the corner.

Also, Bermane Stiverne (21-1-1) scored a TKO 43 seconds into the 10th round against Ray Austin (28-6-4) to take the vacant WBC silver heavyweight title.

Tavoris Cloud (22-0, 19 KOs) retained his IBF light heavyweight belt with a TKO against Yasaf Mack (29-4-2) when the referee stopped the fight with 3 seconds left in the eighth round of a scheduled 12-round fight. □

WNBA Roundup

Fever hangs on to edge Lynx

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Katie Douglas scored the go-ahead basket with just over a minute to play and the Indiana Fever clung on for a 78-75 win over the Minnesota Lynx in the WNBA on Sunday.

Minnesota held a six-point lead in the fourth quarter, but Douglas and Tamika Catchings hit 3s on back-to-back possessions to tie the game with 5:37 left.

The teams traded baskets until Douglas hit a running jump shot from the free-throw line to put Indiana on top 75-73 with 1:06 to go. She also hit one of two free throws to build the Fever lead to three with 20 seconds left.

Douglas finished with 22 points and Catchings had 17. Maya Moore led the Lynx with 21 points.

Silver Stars 92, Dream 86

In Atlanta, surging San Antonio beat Atlanta to improve to its best start in team history.

Jia Perkins scored 25 points and rookie Danielle Adams added 19 for the Silver Stars, who moved 1-1/2 games clear atop the Western Conference.

Coco Miller finished with 19 points for the Dream, who led by seven with 5:02 remaining.

Liberty 77, Sparks 67

In Newark, Cappie Pondexter scored 22 points to lead New York to victory over Los Angeles.



Atlanta Dream center Courtney Paris, (3), wrestles the ball away from San Antonio Silver Stars forward Porsha Phillips in the first half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, June 26, 2011, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

Essence Carson had 18 points as the Liberty picked up their first win at Prudential Center, their home for the next three seasons while Madison Square Garden undergoes renovations. Candace Parker scored 16 points for Los Angeles but left the game with a knee injury in the third quarter.

Mystics 83, Shock 63

In Washington, the hosts won their first game in five, cruising past Tulsa.

Crystal Langhorne scored 23 points and Nicky Anosike added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Mystics, who

got their first home win this season and avenged an 18-point loss at Tulsa eight days ago.

Liz Cambage scored 15 points for the Shock, which has lost 14 consecutive road games dating to last season.

Washington opened the game with nine straight points and never trailed.

In other WNBA games it was San Antonio 92, Atlanta 86; New York 77, Los Angeles 67; Washington 83, Tulsa 63; and Indiana 78, Minnesota 75. □



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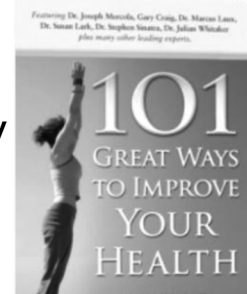
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U.S. plans stealth survey on access to doctors

ROBERT PEAR

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WASHINGTON — Alarmed by a shortage of primary care doctors, Obama administration officials are recruiting a team of “mystery shoppers” to pose as patients, call doctors’ offices and request appointments

to see how difficult it is for people to get care when they need it. The administration says the survey will address a “critical public policy problem”: the increasing shortage of primary care doctors, including specialists in internal medicine and family practice. It will

also try to discover whether doctors are accepting patients with private insurance while turning away those in government health programs that pay lower reimbursement rates. Federal officials predict that more than 30 million Americans will gain coverage under

the health care law passed last year. “These newly insured Americans will need to seek out new primary care physicians, further exacerbating the already growing problem of PCP shortages in the United States,” the Department of Health and Human Services said in a description of the project that it submitted to the White House. Plans for the survey have riled many doctors because the secret shoppers will not identify themselves as working for the government. “I don’t like the idea of the government snooping,” said Dr. Raymond Scalettar, an internist in Washington. “It’s a pernicious practice — Big Brother tactics, which should be opposed.” According to government documents obtained from Obama administration officials, the mystery shoppers will call medical practices and ask if doctors are accepting new patients and, if so, how long the wait would be. The government is eager to know whether doctors give different answers to callers depending

on whether they have public insurance, like Medicaid, or private insurance, like Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Dr. George J. Petruncio, a family doctor in Turnersville, N.J., said: “This is not a way to build trust in government. Why should I trust someone who does not correctly identify himself?” Dr. Stephen C. Albrecht, a family doctor in Olympia, Wash., said: “If federal officials are worried about access to care, they could help us. They don’t have to spy on us.” Dr. Robert L. Hogue, a family physician in Brownwood, Texas, asked: “Is this a good use of tax money? Probably not. Everybody with a brain knows we do not have enough doctors.” In response to the drumbeat of criticism, a federal health official said doctors did not need to worry because the data would be kept confidential. “Reports will present aggregate data, and individuals will not be identified,” said the official, who requested anonymity to discuss the plan before its final approval by the White House. □



Dr. George Petruncio, a family doctor, reviews the charts of a new patient in his office in Turnersville, N.J., June 24, 2011. Petruncio is opposed to a plan by the Obama administration to deploy a team to pose as patients, call doctors’ offices and see how difficult it is to get care.

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Latest E. coli outbreak in Europe appears to be isolated

JAMES KANTER

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BRUSSELS — French authorities said Sunday that the latest outbreak of a deadly strain of E. coli in Europe appeared to be isolated, even as EU officials discussed wider action to restrict sales of bean sprouts, the suspected cause of the outbreak.

Seven patients remained hospitalized Sunday, said Veronique Seguy, a spokes-

woman for the regional health agency in Aquitaine, in southwestern France, where the outbreak occurred.

Tests indicated that the patients were sickened by E. coli O104, the same strain of bacteria that has killed 43 people in Germany and one in Sweden in recent weeks, Seguy said.

Two patients in France were in intensive care, Seguy said. But no new cases had been reported in recent days, an indication

that the outbreak was an isolated event.

Most of the infections in France have been linked to a charity event at a children’s play center in Begles, a suburb of Bordeaux, on June 8. Most of the people who became ill recalled eating gazpacho garnished with sprouts.

Sprouts were also identified as the source of a German outbreak.

Britain and Ireland were among European countries that warned consumers

over the weekend against eating any raw bean sprouts or other sprouted seeds.

So far the bloc has not issued any Continent-wide restrictions, but national experts were scheduled to speak by telephone later Sunday to discuss whether the evidence gathered in the French and German cases was sufficient to restrict sales of sprouts.

“I expect the experts will be asking if it’s entirely a coincidence that bean sprouts

have come under suspicion twice in the space of just one month as responsible for such an unusual and dangerous and deadly strain of E. coli,” said Frederic Vincent, a spokesman for the European commissioner for health and food safety. Vincent said that part of the discussions would focus on whether the problem originated with the sprouts, or with seeds used to grow the sprouts, and whether the seeds came from inside or outside the bloc. □

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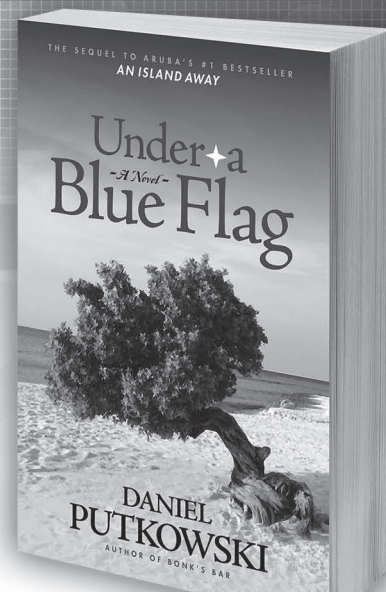


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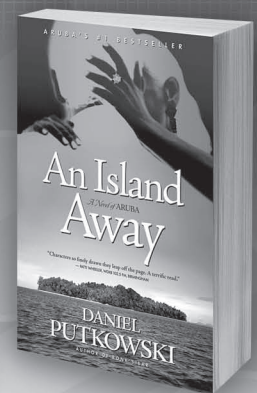
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Pope may go online to launch Vatican news portal

NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican, whose communications problems are no secret, is taking a leap into the world of new media with the launch next week of a news information portal that Pope Benedict XVI himself may put online with a papal click.

Vatican officials said Saturday that Benedict has been following the development of the portal, which will for the first time aggregate information from the Vatican's various print, online, radio and television media in a one-stop-shop for Holy See news.

The portal — www.news.va — is being launched Wednesday, the 60th anniversary of Benedict's ordination as a priest and a feast day in the church.

Monsignor Claudio Maria Celli, who heads the Vatican office that developed the portal and will maintain it, said Benedict may put the site online himself with a click from the Apostolic Palace.

"This is a new way of communicating," Celli said during a preview of the site at the offices of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

It's the latest effort by the Vatican to bring its evangelizing message to a greater, Internet-savvy audience and follows its forays into Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. It's also a significant step for the 84-year-old Benedict, who has been bedeviled by communications woes during much of his six-year papacy, much

of it the fault of a large Vatican bureaucracy that doesn't always communicate well internally.

There was his 2005 speech about Islam and violence, his recent comments about condoms and HIV that required no less than three official Vatican clarifications, and his rehabilitation of a Holocaust-denying bishop, among others.

While the portal is designed mostly to provide Vatican news in an easy-to-use setting for the outside world, Celli said he hoped it would also improve the Vatican's own internal communications by letting various departments know what one another are up to and help provide a more coherent message.

"I think that we must educate the Roman Curia of what is the real meaning of communication," Celli said. "Little by little they will perceive that this is the real meaning to be present, to have a relevance."

Previously, popes have been very much involved in the Vatican's communications efforts: Pope Pius XI personally inaugurated Vatican Radio in 1931, and Pope John Paul II oversaw the 1995 launch of www.vatican.va — the Vatican's website.

That site will remain as the Holy See's main home page and documentation warehouse. And each of the Vatican media that are represented on the news portal will retain their independent sites as well: Vatican Radio, the newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican Television Center,

the Vatican press office and information service and the Fides missionary news agency.

The portal, though, will aggregate their main news, initially in English and Italian then other languages, and be updated three times a day, Celli said. The portal is outfitted for live-streaming of papal events, audio feeds from Vatican Radio, photographs from L'Osservatore Romano and printed texts of papal homilies, statements and speeches. □



Monsignor Claudio Maria Celli shows to journalists the new portal, www.news.va, during a press conference at the Vatican, Saturday, June 25, 2011.

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Home Depot accused of violating Buy American Act

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The photograph on Home Depot's website shows a line of smiling soldiers unloading a truck stacked with power tools and other company wares.

The company says this shows "federal dollars go farther at The Home Depot." San Francisco Attorney Paul Scott says the photo also shows the company providing Chinese-made products in violation of the Buy American Act, and the U.S. Department of Justice is investigating.

A federal judge in April refused Home Depot Inc.'s bid to toss a whistle-blower lawsuit Scott and other attorneys filed against the Atlanta-based company. Now the country's largest home improvement retailer is the latest company accused of running afoul of the Buy American Act, a 1933 law aimed at protecting U.S. jobs. The law requires that all materials used in construction of public projects originate in the United States or "desig-



In this Feb. 22, 2010 file photo, shoppers walk through the aisles at the Home Depot store in Williston, Vt. Home Depot is the latest federal contractor accused of violating the Buy American Act with Chinese-made goods.

Associated Press

nated countries."

Like most protectionist trade provisions, the Buy American Act has its supporters and detractors.

Proponents support the act as a way to boost the economy and preserve U.S. jobs. Critics complain the

law limits the government's ability to make the best purchase on price and quality. Further, they argue that complying with the letter of the law is difficult, given the many exemptions and the reality that the component parts of many products

originate in multiple countries. In addition, the law's critics say it's especially difficult for large companies such as Home Depot that carry thousands of products to ensure it follows the law with every government transaction.

The law has been through many revisions, and trade agreements with Canada, Israel and several other countries allow for use of material made in those countries. In the decades after its enactment, the law was little used. But with the explosion of international trade a number of companies have been accused of violating the Buy American Act over the last several years.

Earlier this year, the national hardware distributor Fastenal Co. agreed to pay \$6.25 million to resolve DOJ claims made after a government audit found among other things that it violated its contract with the General Services Administration by providing Chinese-made goods.

Fastenal said in a statement that it settled because "we continue to believe that we complied with our obligation under the GSA contract in all material respects. However, we felt a continuation of our dispute with the DOJ and GSA was not the best use of our resources." □



European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet arrives for an EU summit in Brussels on Thursday, June 23, 2011. Greece's financial meltdown is set to overshadow yet another summit of European Union leaders, who on Thursday will discuss new ways to get the country back on its feet and protect the euro's stability.

Associated Press

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) —

Investors should prepare themselves for smaller profit margins as banks stash away more capital to avoid another global financial crisis, the world's major central bankers cautioned Sunday. They also advised central banks around the world that interest rates might

need to rise soon to bring inflation under control. The Bank for International Settlements said new rules for banks to gradually increase their capital cushions would likely result in more predictable and smaller returns. But the bank, an umbrella organization for the world's major central banks, also said in its annual report that bank managers and share-

holders haven't adjusted expectations accordingly. It said rates might have to be raised because "tighter global monetary policy is needed in order to contain inflation pressures and ward off financial stability risks." Jaime Caruana, the bank's general manager, said the global financial crisis of 2008-2009 still casts long shadows, but already there are signs of a return to excessive risk-taking. He warned of threats posed by unsustainable public debt, soaring energy and commodity prices and inflation that is already hitting many countries and threatening others. "While encouraging investors to take some risk was part of crisis management, there are signs that, in some areas, investors may

be going too far again," he said. Caruana said that while fiscal problems are most visible in heavily indebted eurozone nations like Greece, Ireland and Portugal, other major economies also must be careful and quickly improve their standing to avoid triggering another big global crisis. Interest rates, he suggested, might need to rise. "There is a need to normalize monetary policy," Caruana told reporters in Basel. "Globally, real short-term interest rates, already negative, fell further over the past year. Normalizing rates would reduce the incentives to take excessive risk and would support necessary structural and balance-sheet adjustments." The so-called Basel III rules for requiring larger

cash buffers are intended to prevent another shock to the global financial system like the one in 2008 when Lehman Brothers collapsed. Holding more capital would cut into the money that banks can lend and invest but improve their ability to withstand the blow if loans or investments go sour.

The bank also said in its annual report that nations should speed up complying with the rules if banks are profitable and credit flows won't be restricted. On Saturday, one of the Basel-based institution's committees proposed rules requiring the world's biggest banks to hold an extra 1 percent to 2.5 percent of capital on their balance sheets, depending on their size. □

Central bankers advise investors to expect less

Philip Morris fights Australian packaging rules

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Associated Press

SYDNEY (AP) — Tobacco giant Philip Morris launched legal action on Monday against the Australian government over the country's plans to strip company logos from cigarette packages and replace them with grisly images of cancerous mouths, sickly children and bulging, blinded eyes.

The government believes the new rules will make the packages less attractive to smokers and turn Australia into the world's toughest country on tobacco advertising. Several outraged cigarette makers have threatened lawsuits, arguing the move illegally diminishes the value of their trademarks. Philip Morris is the first of those companies to file a claim for compensation.

"We would anticipate that the compensation would amount to billions," Philip Morris spokeswoman Anne

Edwards told The Associated Press.

The legislation, which will be introduced to Parliament in July, would ban cigarette makers from printing their logos, promotional text or colorful images on cigarette packs. Brand names will instead be printed in a small, uniform font and feature large health warnings and gruesome, full-color images of the consequences of smoking. The law would be phased in over six months, starting in January 2012.

Hong Kong-based Philip Morris Asia Limited, which owns the Australian affiliate Philip Morris Limited, filed a notice of claim on Monday arguing the legislation violates a bilateral investment treaty between Australia and Hong Kong.

The tobacco company says the treaty protects companies' property, including intellectual property such as trademarks. The

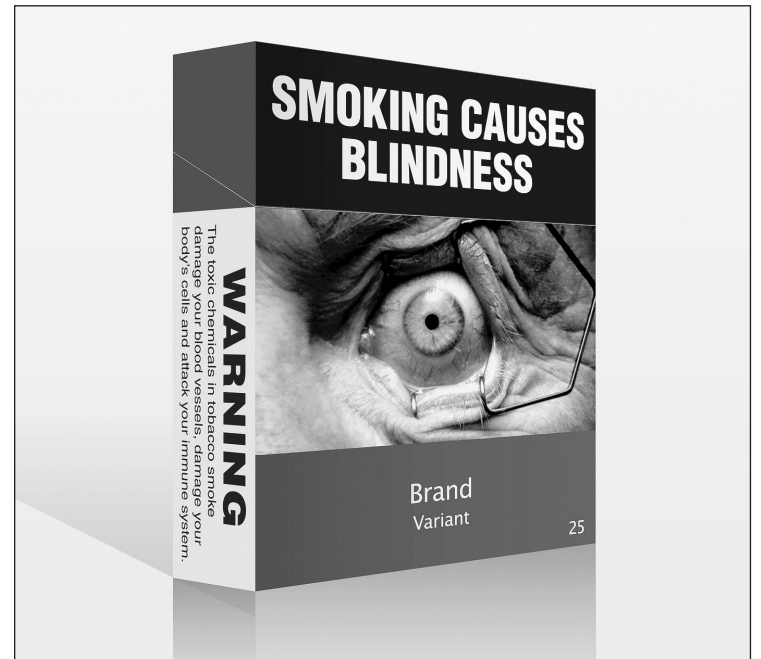
plain packaging proposal severely diminishes the value of the company's trademark, Edwards said.

"Our brands are really one of the absolute key valuable assets that we have as a company — it's what helps us compete, it's what enables us to distinguish our products," Edwards said. "This move ... would essentially amount to confiscation of our brand in Australia."

The government denied the plan breaks any laws and said it would not back down.

"Our government is determined to take every step we can to reduce the harm by tobacco," Health Minister Nicola Roxon said. "We won't be deterred by tobacco companies making threats or taking legal action."

Prime Minister Julia Gillard also brushed off Philip Morris' threats. "We're not going to be intimidated by



This artist's impression provided by the the Minister from the Department of Health and Ageing shows a proposed cigarette packaging stripped of all logos and replaced with graphic images that tobacco companies in Australia will be forced to use.
Associated Press

big tobacco's tactics," she told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

The legal notice filed Monday opens up a three-month period of negotia-

tion between the two sides. Philip Morris said if a "satisfactory outcome" isn't achieved by the end of the three months, it will seek arbitration. □

Bankers agree on plan to increase capital buffers

By JONATHAN FAHEY

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The banks that are most important to global financial stability will be required to hold extra capital on their balance sheets to protect them — and the global economy — from financial crises under new rules proposed Saturday.

Global central bank heads have proposed rules that would require the world's biggest banks to hold an extra 1 percent to 2.5 percent of capital on their balance sheets, depending on their size. The goal of requiring larger cash buffers is to prevent another shock to the global financial system like the one that occurred in 2008 when Lehman Brothers collapsed.

The rules were proposed by the Group of Governors and Heads of Supervision, the oversight body of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. The committee is part of the Bank for International Settlements, an umbrella organization for the world's central banks.

The cash buffers that giant global banks would have to hold would be in addition to an existing requirement that all banks hold 7 percent of their assets in reserve.

The Group of Governors said in a statement Saturday that the proposed requirements would discourage banks from becoming so big that their failure could destabilize the global financial system.

"This will contribute to enhancing the resiliency of the banking system and help mitigate the wider spill-over risks of global systemically important banks," Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the European Central Bank and chairman of the Group of Governors, said in a statement.

Banks would have three years, from the beginning of 2016 until the end of 2018, to meet the new requirements.

The Group of Governors also agreed on a method for determining banks' importance to the banking system, though it did not disclose details. The group said its package of recommendations would be announced near the end of July. □

AP-GfK Poll: People divided on looming debt crisis



In this June 1, 2011 file photo, House Budget Committee chairman Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis. listens outside the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

By CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It might be time for another midnight ride by Paul Revere, this time warning "the creditors are coming."

Americans seem not to have awakened to the fast-looming debt crisis that could summon a new recession, imperil their stock market investments and shatter faith in the world's most powerful economy. Those are among the implications, both sudden and

long-lasting, expected to unfold if the U.S. defaults on debt payments for the first time in history.

Facing an August deadline for raising the country's borrowing limit or setting loose the consequences, politicians and economists are plenty alarmed. The people? Apparently not so much.

They're divided on whether to raise the limit, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that found 41 percent opposed to the idea and

38 percent in favor.

People aren't exactly blasé. A narrow majority in the poll expects an economic crisis to ensue if the U.S., maxed out on its borrowing capacity, starts missing interest payments to creditors. But even among that group, 37 percent say no dice to raising the limit.

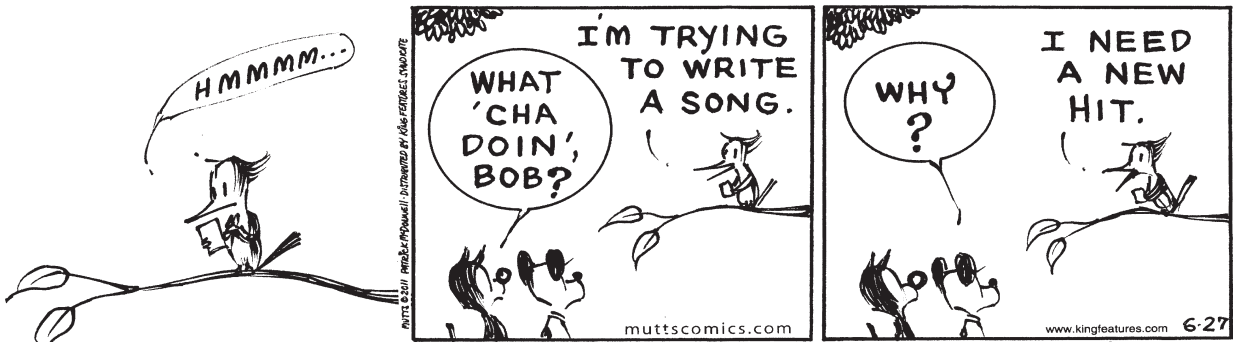
In Washington's humid air, talk of a financial apocalypse is thick.

There are warnings of "credit markets in a state of panic," as the House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., put it, causing a sudden drop-off in the country's ability to borrow and pushing the government off a "credit cliff."

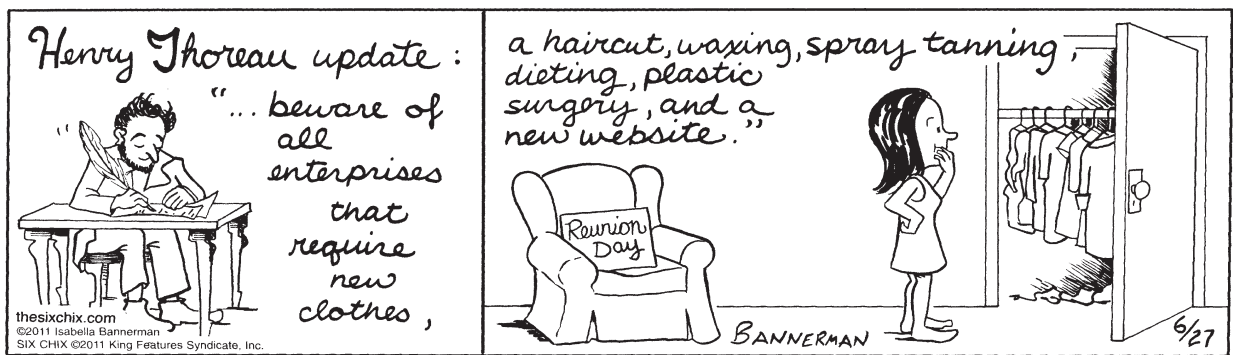
He was characterizing a report by the government's nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office that warns of a "sudden fiscal crisis" in which investors might abandon U.S. bonds and force the government to pay steep interest rates and impose spending cuts and tax increases far more Draconian than if default were avoided.

The dire warnings appear to be falling on unconvinced ears, at least so far. □

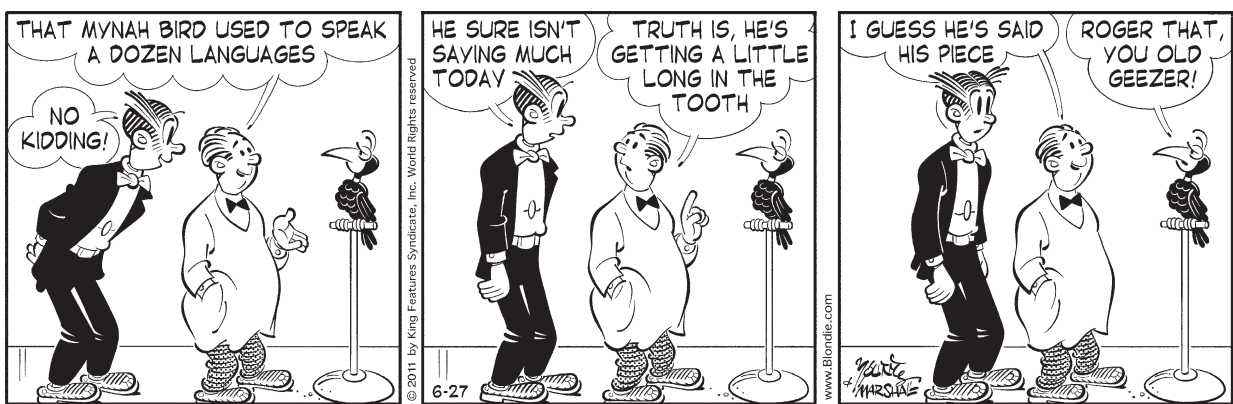
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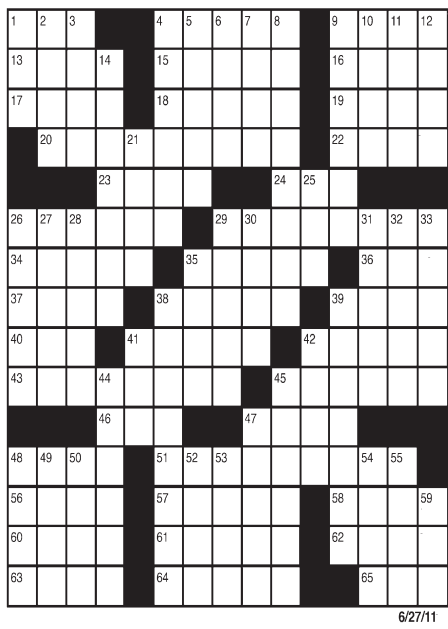
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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 - Teachers
 - ___ and pepper
 - Failures
 - Defunct airline
 - Have a drink
 - Make someone feel unfriendly; turn off
 - Riotous fight
 - Cost
 - Actor Aykroyd
 - Urge; nudge
 - Fellow, slangily, in England
 - Stop
 - Sense of self-esteem
 - Silly as a ___
 - "The Pied ___ of Hamelin"
 - Fruity drink
 - Girl's bow
 - Mongrel
 - Rooting supporters
 - Run away
 - Arrival's opposite
 - Molten rock
 - Banish
 - Colorful duck
 - Related; similar
 - Hose down
 - Alleviate
 - Becomes firm
 - Take the helm
 - Coloring agent



Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- Dog's foot
 - Hurt
 - Requirement
 - Area full of video game machines

- Hairy
- Large African antelope
- Football kick
- Atlantic and Pacific
- Occupation
- Untrue
- Old Glory
- Erie or Huron
- Satan's specialty
- Way out
- Christmas tree, often
- Peruse
- Simple
- Actor ___ Marvin

Odds & Ends

Police nab man accused of hiding in public toilet



This photo provided by Eagle County Sheriff's Office, show Luke Ivan Chrisco. Police have arrested Chrisco, 30, accused of hiding in the tank of a portable toilet at a yoga festival.

(AP Photo/Eagle County Sheriff's Office)

BOULDER, Colorado (AP) — Police in Colorado have arrested a 30-year-old man accused of hiding in the tank of a portable toilet at a yoga festival last week. Kim Kobel of Boulder police says Luke Ivan Chrisco was arrested during an unrelated begging investigation Thursday. Police say an officer noticed his resemblance to the toilet suspect, and Chrisco was taken into custody after he was interviewed by a Boulder detective.

Police believe he was the man discovered in the toilet at the festival in Boulder by a woman who lifted the lid. A man who checked said he saw someone covered in a tarp inside. A festival security officer says he chased a man who eventually emerged, but the suspect slipped away. The man was covered in human waste. Chrisco faces misdemeanor charges of unlawful sexual contact and criminal invasion of privacy. □

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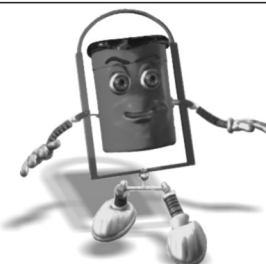
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'Dabangg' dominates Bollywood awards in Toronto with 9 prizes

CHARMAINE NORONHA

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — "Dabangg," a tale about a corrupt police officer, dominated the 12th International Indian Film Academy awards, snagging nine prizes including best picture at the star-studded event in Toronto — held on North American soil for the first time.

"My Name is Khan" also scooped up several top honors at the five-hour award bash that started Saturday night and rolled over into early Sunday.

"Hollywood and Indian cinema must bring the world closer together," said Swank, draped in a glittering sleeveless deep red gown. "I believe in IIFA's vision — one people, one world."

Another Academy Award winner, Cuba Gooding Jr. presented the best director award to Karan Johar for "My Name is Khan," declaring that he was impressed by the power of Indian films around the world.

"I think it's absolutely wonderful how India has traveled the world of entertain-

ment won for best performance in a negative role.

The film also garnered the awards for best screenplay and for best female debut which went to Sonakshi Sinha for her role in the film as Sood's love interest. It also snagged the best action award.

Some of the awards in technical categories were announced during a concert-fashion show on Friday night.

Anushka Sharma won the best female lead for her role as an assistant to a wedding planner in "Band



Bipasha Basu performs during the 2011 International Indian Film Academy Awards ceremony, Saturday, June 25, 2011, in Toronto.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Chris Young)

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan took the prize for leading male role for the film, about the treatment of Muslims in a world of heightened suspicions following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Khan played the family's Muslim patriarch who suffers from Asperger's syndrome. The film took home five awards, including the prize for best director and best story. Khan was handed his award by Bollywood superstar Anil Kapoor and two-time Academy Award winner Hilary Swank, who congratulated Bollywood for helping to unite the world through film.

ment and I would love to play and be a part of a Bollywood movie myself," said Gooding, who broke out into a few dance moves.

"Dabangg" led the awards tally sweeping trophies in the music category in Toronto's packed Rogers Centre, filled with more than 22,000 Bollywood fans and stars. The hit took the prize for best playback singer female, playback singer male, music direction, choreography and sound re-recording. A playback singer pre-records songs so Bollywood actors can lip sync to them in their films. "Dabangg" star Sonu Sood

Baaja Baaraat," a film about the world of wedding planning which won five awards. Arjun Rampal took home the best male supporting prize for the political thriller "Raajneeti," and best supporting female role award went to Prachi Desai for "Once Upon a Time in Mumbai."

Kangana Ranaut, the model turned actress, gave the night's first performance with her fellow "Double Dhamaal" actors Arshad Warsi, Javed Jaffrey and Ashish Chaudry. The film was one of several that premiered during the IIFA weekend. □



LoLa Monroe arrives at the BET Awards on Sunday, June 26, 2011, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

1st BET Award presented during red carpet arrivals

SANDY COHEN

AP Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The BET Awards got started before the ceremony began, as the first prize was presented outside the Shrine Auditorium. Singer-songwriter Marsha Ambrosius accepted the Centric Award from the red carpet, beating out R. Kelly, Cee Lo Green, Eric Benet and Kem. Chris Brown lead the night's nominees with six nods, including best male R&B artist and video of the year. The 21-year-old singer also to performed on the show, where he launched his comeback last year with an emotional tribute to Michael Jackson. Lil Wayne followed Brown with five nods. He also performed at the ceremony, which was broadcast live on BET. □



Models present creations by Polish fashion designer Renata Anna Szlifirska during the Warsaw Fashion Street show on one of the main streets in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday, June 26, 2011.

(AP Photo/Alik Keplicz)

Chastened, Tracy Morgan gets back to getting laughs

DAVE ITZKOFF

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NEW YORK — About halfway through a raucous standup set Saturday night in which he dispensed much unsolicited romantic advice and hit on several women seated near the stage, Tracy Morgan told the crowd at Carolines, the Times Square comedy club, he knew what it wanted to hear.

"You're all sitting here waiting for me say something about the controversy, right?" he said, to cheers and applause. Morgan continued: "I'm 42, man, and now all of a sudden I'm homophobic?"

In his first comedy performances since he was heavily condemned for his anti-gay remarks at a show he played in Nashville, Tenn., Morgan suggested he had been misunderstood.

"My father was the lead singer in the Village People," he insisted through his own laughter. "I would sing the 'Y.M.C.A.' the loudest. I was sitting right there when he wrote the song, my daddy. The Indian was my god-

a bit in which Morgan said he would stab his own son to death if he came out to him as gay, had been widely circulated on the Internet.

Within days Morgan was rebuked by colleagues like Tina Fey, the "30 Rock" star and producer, and Robert Greenblatt, the chairman of NBC's entertainment division; angry online commentators said he'd gone so far that they could never accept him again.

Morgan declined to be interviewed for this article, but fans Saturday night offered some sympathy. "Sometimes when you do things in the heat of comedy, you're going to cross the line," said Karen Morris, 52, an audience member at Carolines. "We've all put our foot in our mouth. We get to do it in private. With Tracy it happened in public."

Morgan's initial response to the outcry was a brief statement of apology, issued on June 10, in which he said

in 2007. And Tuesday, Morgan returned to Nashville to apologize to audience members who were offended, including Kevin Rogers, the 36-year-old photographer who wrote the fateful Facebook post.

Those events were organized by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which said that Morgan's initial statement was insufficient. After speaking with Rogers and confirming his account of the show, GLAAD officials reached out to the entrepreneur Russell Simmons, a friend of Morgan's who connected them with the comedian. Herndon Graddick, senior director of programs at GLAAD, said Morgan's public atonement helped focus attention on issues faced by gay and transgender people, particularly in Tennessee, where the Senate passed a bill in May forbidding teachers to discuss homosexuality with elementary and middle-school students.

Graddick shrugged off criticism that GLAAD was exploiting the situation. "If people think that GLAAD is being opportunistic by making sure the public dialogue doesn't include jokes about stabbing children," he said, "then that's the conclusion people are going to reach."

Kennedy, who was present at Morgan's appearances in New York and Tennessee, said that he "cried on my shoulders," and deserved credit for facing his critics in full view of the news media.

"I really feel like he meant every single word that he said," Kennedy said. "There was no acting involved." Rogers said he believed Morgan's remorse was "heartfelt," and that he had gone further than celebrities like Mel Gibson or Michael Richards when they made bigoted remarks.

"I didn't see Michael Richards speak at the National Civil Rights Museum," Rogers said. "To see Tracy take it upon himself to start a conversation and do some stuff in the community to make amends, that was the true apology." □



Tracy Morgan performs at Carolines, the Times Square comedy club, in New York, June 25, 2011. At Carolines on Saturday night, Morgan mostly avoided the controversy about his anti-gay remarks for which he was condemned for at a Nashville, Tenn., appearance.

(Chad Batka/The New York Times)

father." Clearly Morgan, an unpredictable standup and co-star of the NBC comedy "30 Rock," could still laugh about his plight, having spent the past weeks at the center of a storm largely of his own making.

A single fan's account of his June 3 show at the Ryman Auditorium, posted on Facebook and describing

his act "clearly went too far and was not funny in any context."

In the following days he became a much more visible figure, meeting in New York on June 17 with gay youths who were abandoned by their families for coming out, and with Elke Kennedy, a South Carolina woman whose son, Sean, was killed in an anti-gay hate crime



U.S. singer Beyonce performs on the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury Music Festival, Sunday, June 26, 2011. More than 170,000 ticket-holders are at Worthy Farm for the 41st Glastonbury Music Festival.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan)

At U.K. music festival

British PM's friend found dead

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A close friend of the British prime minister was found dead in a portable toilet at one of the country's leading music festivals Sunday, authorities said. Christopher Shale died in unexplained circumstances in the VIP area of the Glastonbury Festival, an entertainment extravaganza that's one of the fixtures of Britain's music calendar. Shale, who was in his 50s, chaired the Conservative Association in David Cameron's West Oxfordshire constituency, and in a statement Cameron said he and his wife Samantha were devastated by the news.

"He was a great friend and has been a huge support over the last decade," Cameron said. "A big rock in my life has suddenly been rolled away ... like so many others Sam and I have lost a close and valued friend."

Shale was staying in a restricted, celebrity-packed area of the festival, which is held on a farm in southwestern England and has drawn some 170,000 people. He was discovered by police shortly after 9 a.m. Festival organizer Michael Eavis said he was told the incident was "a suicide situation" but police have yet to confirm that.

"It is only a couple of hours ago," Inspector Chris Morgan said. "We are still working on establishing a cause of death." News of the death comes the same day as Shale was quoted in a national newspaper as describing the weakness of his association in unusually frank terms. "Over the years we have come across as graceless, voracious, crass, always on the take," the Mail on Sunday quoted him as saying in a strategy document which the paper said it had seen. According to the Mail, he added that people weren't joining his group because they "think we'll beg and steal from them. And they're right."

Shale worked as the chief executive of Oxford Resources Ltd., a cost reduction company. □

Why is he bi? (sigh)



MAUREEN DOWD

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WASHINGTON – He was born this way. Bi.

Not bisexual. Not even bipartisan. Just binary. Our president likes to be on both sides at once.

In Afghanistan, he wants to go but he wants to stay. He's surging and withdrawing simultaneously. He's leaving fewer troops than are needed for a counterinsurgency strategy and more troops than are needed for a counterterrorism strategy – and he seems to want both strategies at the same time. Our work is done but we have to still be there. Our work isn't done but we can go.

On Libya, President Barack Obama wants to lead from behind. He's engaging in hostilities against Gadhafi while telling Congress he's not engaging in hostilities against Gadhafi.

On the budget, he wants to cut spending and increase spending. On the environment, he wants to increase energy production but is reluctant to drill. On health care, he wants to get everybody covered but will not press for a universal system. On Wall Street, he assails fat cats, but at cocktail parties, he wants to collect some of their fat for his campaign.

On politics, he likes to be friends with the other side but bash 'em at the same time. For others, bipartisanship means transcending their own prior political identities. For Obama, it means that he participates in all political identities. He does not seem deeply affiliated with any side except his own.

He was elected on the idea of bold change, but now – except for the capture of Osama and his drone campaign in Pakistan and Yemen – he plays it safe. He shirks politics as usual but gets all twisted up in politics.

The man who was able to beat the Clintons in 2008 because the country wanted a break from Clintonian euphemism and casuistry is now breaking creative new ground in euphemism and casuistry. Obama is "evolving" on the is-

sue of gay marriage, which, as any girl will tell you, is the first sign of a commitment-phobe. Maybe, given all his economic and war woes as he heads into 2012, Obama fears the disapproval of the homophobic elements within his own party. But he has tried to explain his reluctance on gay marriage as an expression of his Christianity, even though he rarely goes to church and is the picture of a secular humanist.

While picking up more than three-quarters of a million dollars from 600 guests at a gay and lesbian fundraising gala in Manhattan on Thursday night, the president declared, "I believe that gay couples deserve the same legal rights as every other couple in this country," even as he held to his position that the issue should be left to the states to decide.

Still, Obama's reluctance to come out for gay marriage seems hugely and willfully inconsistent with what we know about his progressive worldview.

And it is odd that the first black president is letting Andrew Cuomo, who pushed through a gay-marriage bill in Albany, N.Y., on Friday night, go down in history as the leader on the front lines of the civil rights issue of our time.

But for the president, "the fierce urgency of now" applies only to getting checks from the gay community, not getting up to speed with all the Americans who think it's time for gay marriage.

As with "don't ask, don't tell," Obama is not leading the public, he's following. And worse, the young, hip black president who was swept in on a gust of change, audacity and hope is lagging behind a couple of old, white conservatives – Dick Cheney and Ted Olson.

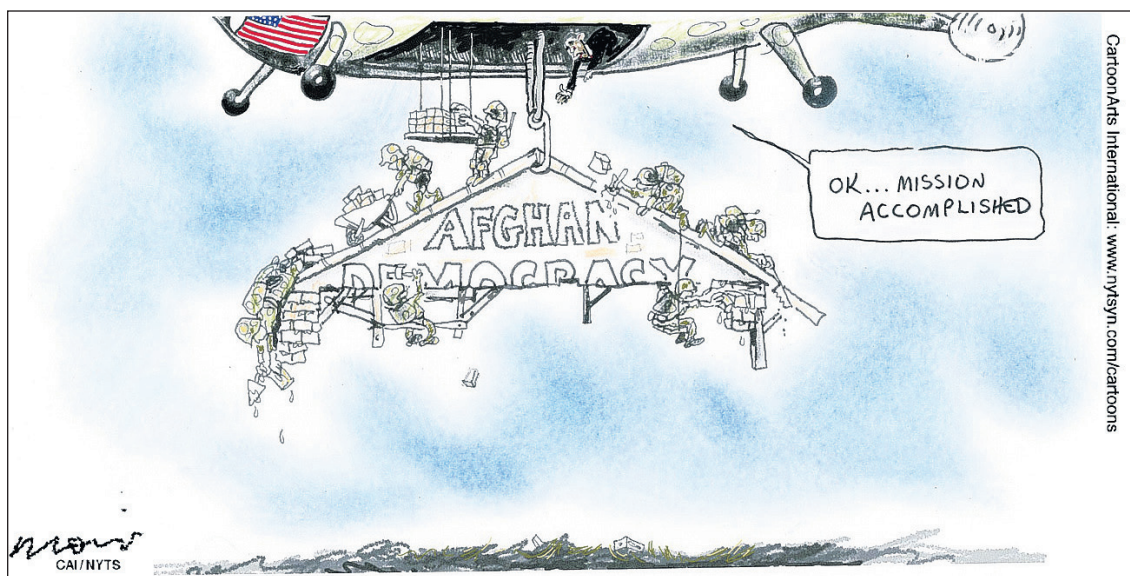
As a community organizer, Obama developed impressive empathetic gifts. But now he is misusing them.

It's not enough to understand how everybody in the room thinks. You have to decide which ones in the room are right, and stand with them. A leader is not a mediator or an umpire or a convener or a facilitator.

Sometimes, as Chris Christie put it, "the president has got to show up." With each equivocation, the man in the Oval Office shields his identity and cloaks who the real Barack Obama is.

He should draw inspiration from the gay community: One thing gays have to do, after all, is declare who they are at all costs.

On some of the most important issues facing this nation, it is time for the president to come out of the closet. □



Face to face with a mother's pain



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SAY, Niger – A chance encounter in a village here between an American medical student traveling with me and a starving African mother was almost too wrenching to handle.

The winners of my annual win-a-trip contest, Saumya Dave of Atlanta, the medical student, and Noreen Connolly, a teacher from Newark, N.J., traveled with me to a remote village here in southern Niger. We came across a young mother who was quietly starving beside her thatch-roof hut, along with her two surviving children (two others had already died).

The mother, Miero Finiba, told us that she was eight months pregnant (confirmed by a health card) and had nothing at all to eat in the house (confirmed by her husband). She and her children had last eaten a day earlier, when neighbors – themselves impossibly poor – shared some of their food.

Finiba was also afflicted with a leg infection that looked gangrenous.

That meant that if she didn't starve, she might soon lose her leg – or, more realistically in a village with no medical clinic,

simply die of the infection.

Her two small children, ages 5 and 2, would then be at great risk of dying without their mother to look after them. The father is blind, from a disease called river blindness, which is transmitted by black flies, and cannot cultivate the fields.

It was at that point in the conversation that Dave choked and teared up. "Is there anything we can do?" she asked. That was exactly the right response.

Journalists should keep a certain distance, yes, but that doesn't mean that we dispassionately chronicle the death of a starving mother and her children. Dave was embarrassed that she had lost her composure, but I wish more people would feel the same distress as a food crisis spreads around the developing world. Global food prices are spiking, not yet reaching their peak of July 2008 but heading there. The World Bank calculates that rising food prices pushed 44 million more people into poverty in the latter half of 2010.

So what can we do, particularly in an era when we face our own severe spending constraints?

There are inexpensive steps that can help avert this kind of hunger.

I talked about one low-tech solution in my last column: greater encouragement of breast-feeding, which one study says could save 1.4 million lives a year.

We can also insist that governments in the developing world reduce suffocating corruption that raises transit costs. On both the Mauritania/Senegal and Niger/Burkina Faso borders, we saw huge numbers of trucks lined up, waiting to be "inspected" by customs officials – which in Africa often means paying a bribe. That's disgraceful and adds to food prices.

In Niger, we also visited a village savings-and-loan project established by CARE that helps women start small businesses. Essentially, it's a microsavings project, so that women have a nest egg when it's needed to buy food.

One woman we talked to had started in such penury that four of her children had died of starvation or disease. But with CARE's help, she started preparing black-eyed peas for sale, branched into growing peanuts and fattening sheep, and with her profits bought a motorcycle that is rented out as a taxi.

And in eastern Burkina Faso, we visited a project of Helen Keller International, financed by the U.S. aid agency, that shows village women how to grow gardens of high-nutrition vegetables. These gardens create a safety net and ensure that babies get vitamin A and other nutrients.

The Obama administration has promoted aid programs that boost agricultural output to fight malnutrition and poverty. That's not as catchy as setting up emergency feeding clinics in a famine-devastated land, but it's far cheaper to avert the crisis than to wait for it. Another crucial need is family planning, which some of the women I talked to hadn't even heard of.

That would reduce the pressure on the land and the number of mouths to feed.

And Finiba, eight months pregnant and starving? With the help of Helen Keller International we were able to get her food and, it seems, medical care.

But rising food prices may put millions more into Finiba's sandals, just as donor countries' budgets are under pressure.

We need more people raising Dave's teary question: Is there anything we can do?

The answer is: Yes, definitely! □

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